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There will not be any meeting this month due to Father's Day. Formation classes will still be held. The July meeting will be held on its normal schedule.



Schedule

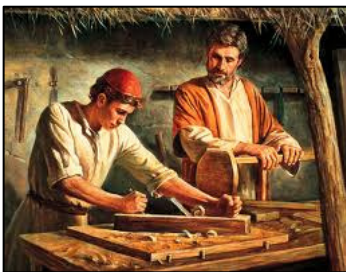
- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- No meeting this month.

◆ Theme: **THE FATHER'S GOODNESS!** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month



For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

Prayer of the Month

By Fr. Robert Fox

O holy Guardian Angels, I call upon you in the Name of God the Father, our Creator; in the name of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, and in the Name of the Holy Spirit, Giver of love and unity. And I ask of you, O Blessed Virgin Mary, to please command our Holy Guardians to assist us in all our needs. Amen.

ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

18. On compassion for one's neighbor

Blessed (is) the man, who supports his neighbor during his frailty to the extent that he would want to be supported by him, if he falls into an exactly similar situation. Blessed (is) the servant who renders all his goods to the Lord God, because he who has retained anything for himself "conceals" within himself "the money of his Lord" God (*Mt 25:18*) and "what" he thought he "had, shall be born away from" him (*Lk 8:18*).



The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 15 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith

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The Information Corner

CONSECRATION OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



O Jesus, present in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, with a humble and sincere heart and confiding in your infinite mercy, we venture to renew the bond between the Secular Franciscan Order of our Father,

Francis, and your Most Sacred Heart. With this intention, we consecrate ourselves entirely to you and promise to faithfully fulfill your divine will to observe the commandments and to promote your honor.

We consecrate to You our person, our life, our actions, our trials and our sufferings. We each consecrate to you, our heart with it's' emotions, with all its' desires and intentions. O Jesus, take from each of us our sinful hearts and give us a heart, renewed and pure, so that having sacrificed our own heart, we may better please your Most Sacred Heart.

Watch over us continually that we may serve you in justice, in charity and peace, and ever remain worthy children of God, our Father;

living, moved and motivated by the heart of His Beloved Son. Sweet Jesus, loving Redeemer, look kindly on the three fold order of St. Francis. Keep and protect us against all enemies.

Finally, dear Jesus, we beseech you, in the name and by the merits of your devoted servant, our holy Father, Francis, and all the Saints, Blessed and elect of his three-fold Order, bless your Beloved Spouse, the Holy Catholic Church, and her visible head, your Vicar on earth. Hasten the triumph and exaltations of your Church, that your name may be known and feared and ever loved and honored. Amen!

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Dorothy Clayton** tells all members that she says "hello."
- **Maria Louisa Correa** sends her greetings to all the members.
- **Amy Coulibaly's** new telephone number is 240-440-0623.



Our Seminarian Ordained!

Michael Paris, the seminarian we have assisted the past several years, was ordained to the Priesthood on **June 18th** at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. If you want to send him a congratulatory message, his address is 10617 August Light Ct., Columbia, MD 21044.

Please Pray For Those In Need

Pat Allnutt; Buelah Mary Bridges and her family; Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan and her family; Maria Louisa Correa (cancer of the eyes) and her sister, Maria Franco; Lordes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi and her friend, Ron Harner; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Sarah Hurd and her family; Gwen Mason and her husband, Robert; Gene Sides and his wife, Annegret (cancer); Vicky Spalding; Julia Stratchko; and Theresa Wilson.



Pray For Our Deceased Bakarny

Coulibaly, older brother of Fraternity members Delphine Ben and Amy Coulibaly, died on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. In a double misfortune, **Fatou Coulibaly**, their younger sister, died the same day. 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.

July Birthdays

July 6 – Gwen Mason, 8 – Brenda Nutt, 16 – Justina Essiet, 22 – Sarah Faizi, 24 – John Monti, and 27 – Nancy McCleary.

**Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

July 1 – Blessed Junipero Serra, priest of I Order; 4 – Saint Elizabeth of Portugal, III Order; 8 – Blessed Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs of I and III Order; 9 – Saint Nicholas Pieck, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order; 10 – Saint Veronica Giuliani, virgin of II Order (Feast for II and III Order Nuns); 12 – Saints John Jones and John Wall, priests and martyrs (I Order); 13 – Blessed Angeline of Marciano, religious of the III Order; 14 – Saint Francis Solano, priest of I Order; 15 – Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of I Order; 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of I Order; 23 – Blessed Cunegundes, religious of II Order, and Saint Bridget of Sweden; 24 – Blessed Louise of Savoy, and Blessed Modestino of Jesus and Mary, religious of I Order; 25 – Blessed Antonio Lucci; 27 – Blessed Mary Magdalene of Martinengo, virgin of II Order; 28 – Blessed Mary Teresa Kowalska, martyr of Nazi persecution, Poland.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: July 20 – Ed Flanagan (B).

June Reflection

By Vicky Spalding, SFO

The Minister General of our Order is the Holy Spirit. This month, we celebrated Pentecost and the birth of the Church. Below is a reading from the 'Office of the Passion' of St. Francis to help us praise our Glorious God.



Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth,
Chant a psalm to his name
Give glory to his praise.
Say to God; How awesome are your works, O
Lord,
Your enemies shall fawn upon you
in the greatness of your power.
Let all the earth adore you and sing a psalm to
you,
let us chant a psalm to your name.
Come, listen, and I will tell you, all you who
fear God,
how much he has done for my soul.
I cried with my mouth to him
and I have exulted with my tongue.
From his holy temple, he heard my voice
and my cry reached his ears.
Bless our Lord, you peoples,
make the voice of his praise heard.
May all the tribes of the Lord be blessed in him
and all nations will glorify him.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does great wonders.
Blessed forever be the name of his majesty,
and may all the earth be filled with his majesty.
So be it. So be it.

