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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

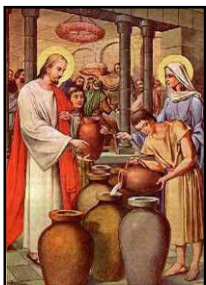
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## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Welcoming Ceremony for new Inquirers – We welcome into our family those who have completed Orientation and feel called to further pursue their path towards profession in the Order. Please welcome and greet with joy our new Inquirers: **Victoria Anderson, Axelle Kona, and Hugues Goly.**
- Book Review
- Power Point Presentation – Meditation & Contemplation
- Stroll outside through Portico – Recitation of our Marian Consecration
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

## ◆ Theme: MOTHER OF ALL AGES ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month



On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”

[And] Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.” (*John 2:1-5*)

### Prayer of the Month

My Queen, My Mother, I give myself entirely to thee and to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate to thee this day, my eyes, ears, mouth, heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own; keep me, guard me, as thy property and possession. Amen.

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## **ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

### **2. The Wickedness of Self Will <sup>1</sup>**

The Lord said to Adam: From “every tree eat, however, from the tree of good and evil you may not eat” (cf. Gen 2:16.17). From every tree of paradise he could eat, because while he did not go against obedience, he did not sin. For one eats of the tree of the knowledge of good, who appropriates his own will to himself and exalts himself because of the good things, which the Lord says and works in him; and so through the suggestion of the devil and the transgression of the mandate it has become the fruit of the knowledge of evil. Whence it is proper, that he endure punishment.

<sup>1</sup> 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>



### **The Rule**

Chapter Three, Article 25 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Regarding expenses necessary for the life of the fraternity and the needs of worship, of the apostolate, and of charity, all the brothers and sisters should offer a contribution according to their means. Local fraternities should contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils.

### **Notice: No June Meeting**



There will not be a Fraternity Meeting in June, which is also Fathers' Day. Those in Formation should contact their instructor to make appropriate arrangements for instruction.

## **The Information Corner**

### **Devotion to Mary <sup>2</sup>**

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy

<sup>2</sup> *Devotion to Mary*, by Cardinal John Wright, extracted from *Month of Mary* (2012), accessed May 10, 2012, URL [http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05\\_1.cfm](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05_1.cfm)



Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to

be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life.

So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members. Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary – or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

– Cardinal John Wright

**Food for May Meeting**

We will need a few people to bring fruit or veggies to the next meeting. Contact Bill Richardson ([richardson4645@yahoo.com](mailto:richardson4645@yahoo.com) or 301-848-7390) if you can help. Thanks!

**Thank You for Your Donations**



Thank you to all who were able to make additional donations this month to help the fraternity meet its Fair Share Dues commitment to the Region. If you

are able to help w/your own fare share dues, it would be greatly appreciated. Yearly active member's dues are \$18 each. We will be paying approximately \$850 to the Region in July. Many thanks for your generosity! ☺

**News From Our Seminarian**

Ryan Pineda, the seminarian we support, wrote a pleasant letter to us in March:



Thank you again for the check that you sent. Your spiritual and financial support really help me as I discern my vocation to the priesthood.

The seminarians here in Theological College have just finished our Lenten Recollection. It's a great opportunity for us to reflect on our lenten journey as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. I will be spending my Easter holidays (from Holy Thursday to Easter) at the Shrine of the most Blessed Sacrament in D.C. I'm looking forward to spending my Holy Week there. It's always a pleasure to be in a parish especially during the Triduum.

Meanwhile, we have about a month left in school. I especially enjoy my New Testament class where we are currently discussing the Book of Revelation. I also like my Patristic Theology class where we are discussing the Christological controversies.

Please continue to pray for me as I continue to prayer for each member of your community.

Thank you again.

Sincerely, Ryan

**Please Pray For Our Sick**

Pat Allnutt; Rita Braddock; Buelah Mary Bridges; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister Maria Franco; Lordes Corso; Sarah Faizi and her family; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Gene Sides and his wife, Annegret; Vicky Spalding and her father, John Lynch; Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruthie; Cecelia Thieman; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Theresa Wilson; and Emmy's friend Josephine.



Buelah Mary Bridges would appreciate visitors, but no phone calls; she is at Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home.

**June Birthdays**

June 3 – Philip Melore, 5 – Sheila Kelly and Anna Zaczynski, 9 – Mary Catherine Kohut and Carol Petro, 12 – Lee Ann Petta, 19 – Helen Walls, 21 – Adele Spellerberg, and 22 – William Hayes Brown, III and Joan Kane.

**Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

June 12 – Blessed Jolenta, Religious of the III Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 13 – Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of I Order (feast); 22 – Saint Thomas More, martyr of the III Order, with Saint John Fisher (optional memorial); and 30 – Blessed Raymond Lull, martyr 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: June 3 – Kevin Treston, 19 – Romuald Green, and 29 – Simon McKay.



**May Reflection**

*By Vicky Spalding, SFO*

**Our Lady, Our Mother**

When I think of May, I immediately think of the Blessed Mother. During May, we celebrate Mother’s Day, and who better to show us how to be a loving Mother, but Our Lady, herself! She is truly the most perfect example of what it means to love selflessly.



Not only did Jesus draw His love and strength from His Mother, but He also took on her human flesh. Bishop Fulton Sheen is quoted as saying these words about the Immaculate Conception of Mary:

Now if you who are an imperfect being and who have not the most delicate conception of all that is fine in life would have wished for the loveliest of mothers, do you think that our Blessed Lord, who not only pre-existed His own mother but who had an infinite power to make her just what He chose, would in virtue of all the infinite delicacy of His spirit make her any less pure and loving and beautiful than you would have made your own mother? If you who hate selfishness would have made her selfless and you who hate ugliness would have made her beautiful, do you not think that the Son of God, who hates sin, would have made His own mother sinless and He who hates moral ugliness would have made her immaculately beautiful?

This month we will take a look at the difference between Meditation and Contemplation. We will use the rosary as an example of how we can imitate Francis and live out our charism of Gospel to Life and Life to Gospel, through meditating on the different decades of the rosary. Blessed John Paul II said the rosary is a Christological prayer, since it draws us closer to Christ. And isn’t this what Our Lady does??? As she said at the Wedding Feast of Cana, “Do whatever He tells you.”

