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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

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening Prayers
- Handouts and Talk by Minister –
“Forming Moral Consciences”
- Question and Answer Period
- 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: **BLESSED ARE THE PURE OF HEART** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month



Look, I am sending an angel
to precede you, to guard you
as you go and bring you to
the place that I have
prepared. Revere him and
obey what he says. Do not
defy him: he will not
forgive any wrong-doing on
your part, for my name is in
him. If, however, you obey

what he says and do whatever I order, I shall be
an enemy to your enemies and a foe to your foes.
(*Exodus 23:20-22*)

Prayer of the Month

August Queen of Heaven!
Sovereign Mistress of the angels!
Thou who from the beginning
hast received from God the
power and mission to crush the
head of Satan; We humbly
beseech thee to send forth thy
holy Legions, that under thy
command and by thy power, they
may pursue the evil spirits,
encounter them on every side,
resist their bold attacks and
drive them far away from us into
the abyss of everlasting woe. Amen.



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

6. On the imitation of the Lord ¹

Let us be attentive to the Good Shepherd, who to save His own sheep endured the Passion of the Cross. The sheep of the Lord have followed Him in tribulation and persecution, shame and hunger, in infirmity and temptation and all other things; and because of these they have received from the Lord everlasting life. Therefore, it is a great shame to us, servants of God, that while the saints did the works, we wish to receive glory and honor by merely recounting their deeds.

¹ 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 One, Article 4 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people.

Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to him, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly.

Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel.

The Information Corner – New Saint!

Bl. MARIANNE COPE (1838-1918) ²

Virgin, Professed Sister of St. Francis, missionary to leprosy patients



Barbara Koob (now officially "Cope") was born on January 23, 1838, in what was later West Germany, the eldest of 10 children. In 1839, the family immigrated to the U.S. and located in Utica, NY. Barbara felt called to religious life at an early age, but her vocation was delayed while she worked in a factory to support her family after her father became ill.

In the summer of 1862, at age 24, Barbara entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, NY, where she received the religious habit, took the name "Sr. Marianne," and in 1863 was professed. She served as an elementary school teacher and principal, held several administrative positions, and helped establish two hospitals in central New York. In 1870, she was nurse-administrator and later head administrator at St. Joseph's in Syracuse. She wrote, "The charity of the good knows no creed and is confined to no one place."

² Adapted from *Bl. MARIANNE COPE* (2005), Vatican, URL http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_oc_20050514_molokai_en.html

In 1883, Mother Marianne, now the Provincial Mother in Syracuse, received a letter from a Fr. Damien de Veuster (known as the “Apostle to Lepers”), in which he asked for help in the Hawaiian Islands, mainly to work with leprosy patients. The letter touched Mother Marianne’s heart and she enthusiastically responded: “I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders....it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned ‘lepers’”.



Mother Marianne, with six Sisters of St. Francis, arrived in Honolulu in late 1883 and set to work managing the Kaka’ako Branch Hospital on Oahu, which served as a receiving

station for patients with Hansen’s disease. The Sisters cleaned the hospital and tended to its 200 patients. By 1885, they had made major improvements to the living conditions and treatment of the patients. In November 1885, they founded the Kapi’olani Home inside the hospital compound, established to care for the healthy daughters of Hansen’s disease patients at the hospital, as no others



would care for close relatives of people with the disease. After Fr. Damien had been diagnosed with Hansen’s disease, Mother Marianne alone gave hospitality to the outcast priest upon hearing

that his illness made him an unwelcome visitor.

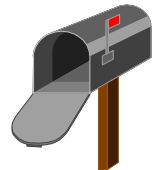
In 1887, the new Hawaiian government decided to close the Oahu Hospital and receiving station and to send the sick into exile on the island of Molokai. Mother Marianne again responded and cheerfully accepted this work. She and two other sisters ran the Bishop Home for Girls and the Home for Boys. The workload was extreme, and Mother Marianne’s invaluable example of never-failing optimism, serenity and trust in God inspired hope in those around her. She taught the Sisters that their primary duty was “to make life as pleasant and as comfortable as possible for

those of our fellow creatures whom God has chosen to afflict with this terrible disease...”.

Mother Marianne never returned to Syracuse. She died in Hawaii on August 9, 1918, of natural causes and was buried on the grounds of Bishop Home. She will be canonized on October 21, 2012.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Emy Cabigas** has a new address: 15301 Pine Orchard Dr., Unit 86-1F, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Please update your directory.
- **Maria Louisa Correa** misses the members and prays for them.
- **Pat Allnutt** writes:



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you so much for your steadfast prayers. Sister Death did not take me at the end of Jan. when I had a massive stroke at the base of the brain. Then, in July, my kidneys failed and after three days of somnolence I revived. I believe I know why I've been given more time to improve on this earth. Certainly my patrons St. Padre Pio and St. John Neumann have prayed for me.

At this time I am still in kidney failure mode and will probably be on dialysis in a few weeks unless some extremely loving person gives me a kidney. God may choose a person, or not.

Just wanted to let you know what your prayers have provided in this extension of life along with Our Lady's and my patron saints' as mentioned above. St. Francis & St. Clare, I'm sure, have been busy also in these physical revivals. The nurses at Fairfax Hospital (stroke) said that I survived, was a miracle and surely it was.

I miss you all so much and love you, dear fraternity. With those of you whom I've never met and those I remember fondly, let us praise God for his providence and wise determination of what is needed in our lives.

In our Lord, Pat Allnutt

Congratulations!

Axelle Konan and Hugues Goly, both in our Inquiry class, administered to one another the sacrament of Holy matrimony on October 13. Let us all wish them the best life together and keep them in our prayers.



News From Our Seminarian

Ryan Pineda writes: "It was really a pleasure to join your monthly meeting and gathering in August. It was also great to catch up with you and chat even for a short time. Thank you again for your support and prayer. Thank you also for the book you gave me. Let's continue to pray for one another. Pax et bonum, Ryan Pineda."

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$257 in donations and disbursed \$391.35 in expenses.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Rita Braddock and her family; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso; Sarah Faizi and her family; Pat Ferguson and her family; John Fleurival; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Joe Rende and his family; Gene Sides and his wife, Annagret; Adele Spellerberg and her family; Julia Stratchko and her family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family; Winston Williams; and Theresa Wilson.

November Birthdays

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

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); and 29 – All Saints of the Franciscan Orders (feast).

October Reflection

By Vicky Spalding, OFS

Dear Brothers and Sisters! Below is a poem that I heard in Medugorje that a priest read from the pulpit, and I thought it was worth sharing. It points out beautifully that there are so many times when we fail to see our own faults; only those of others. This month's theme: "*Blessed are the pure of heart*" implies that all those, whose intentions are pure will one day see God. His mercy is everlasting for those who fear Him.

At our meeting this month, we will also be discussing the topic, "Forming Moral Consciences", based on a letter written by Bishop Kevin Farrell and Bishop Kevin Vann. Visit our website at <http://dcsfo.org/links.php>, look under **The Catholic Church, Formation of conscience**, for links to this and other information about forming consciences. We should be faithfully instructed and informed before we vote! As your Minister, it is my responsibility to aid you in this process.

May you be blessed, and I look forward to seeing everyone next Sunday!

Heavenly Occupants

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
by the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
who made me sputter and gasp –
the thieves, the liars, the sinners,
the alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
was rotting away in hell,
was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

And why's everyone so quiet,
so somber? Give me a clue."
"Hush, child," said He. "They're all in shock.
No one thought they'd see you!