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NEW THIS MONTH: WE WILL HAVE OUR MEETING BY ZOOM ON AUG 16, AT 1:30pm, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH; SEE SCHEDULE.

ON SUNDAY 1:20pm LOG ONTO ZOOM, MEETING ID 9291 021 9809

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Schedule – Aug 16

- 10:30am **Sunday Mass:** Dish or Direct TV subscribers Ch. 50; Comcast Ch. 23 in DC and Montgomery County, Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland; RCN Ch. 15; Verizon Fios Ch. 3
- 12:00pm Mass livestreamed from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception: <https://www.nationalshrine.org/mass/>
- 1:00pm Franciscan Crown Rosary at home (optional)
- 1:20pm Fraternity Meeting by Zoom video conference; see article on p4.

Fraternity Meeting Agenda – Aug 16

- Opening prayer (in your binder)
- Prayer for vocations – see (<http://dcsfo.org/prayers/vocations/>)
- News of members
- Book discussion – chapter 6
- Discussion of Article 16 of the Rule
- Evening prayer. In “Shorter Christian Prayer”, see **p267-272** (Evening Prayer II for Week IV) and **p524** (antiphon for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time).
- Closing prayer (in your binder).

HAVE YOUR BINDERS HANDY!

◆ Theme: **WORK AND PRAYER** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. (*Lk 5:4-6*)

Prayer of the Month

Creator God, thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents. Provide our community, our nation, our world the fortitude to provide work for all which is decent and fair. Make us faithful stewards of your creation to enhance the human dignity of our global family. (From *Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice*, USCCB, April 1998)

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

25. That the servants of God should honor clerics¹

Blessed (is) the servant, who puts faith in the clerics who live rightly according to the manner of the Roman Church. And woe to those who despise them; for though they may be sinners, no one however ought to judge them, since God Himself reserves to Himself alone their judgement. For as much as their administration is greater, which they have because of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which they themselves receive and which they themselves alone minister to others, so much greater a sin have they, who sin against them, than against all the other men of this world.

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 Two, Article 16 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“How important it is to put God’s forgiveness, which ‘generates heaven’ in us and around us, back at the centre!”

“With the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves (see Mt 14:13-21), Jesus wants to educate His friends, both then and now, about God’s logic: the logic of taking responsibility for others.”²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – The Maritime World. We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.³

Book Discussion: “Surrounded by Love”

This month we will continue to discuss the book “**Surrounded by Love**”. Please read chapter 6 and be ready to discuss.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$620 in donations and disbursed \$357 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

For the first half months of 2020, we received \$2,382.97 in donations and disbursed \$1,576.07 in expenses. Another \$700 expense due in August. For a detailed report contact Larry.

² Aug 2 and 2, 2020. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Jul 22, 2020, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Aug 16th – Feastday of St. Roch⁴

Roch (or Rocco) was born at Montpellier, France, towards 1295. His father was governor of that city. At his birth St. Roch is said to have been found marked on the breast with a red cross. Deprived of his parents when about twenty years old, he gave his fortune to the poor, handed over to his uncle the government of Montpellier, and disguised as a mendicant pilgrim, set out for Italy. He stopped at Aquapendente, which was stricken by the plague, and devoted himself to the plague-stricken, curing them with the sign of the cross. He then proceeded to Cesena, many other cities, and finally Rome. Everywhere he went the terrible scourge disappeared before his miraculous power. At Piacenza, he himself was stricken with the plague, and he withdrew to a hut in the neighbouring forest. After his recovery Roch returned to France. Arriving at Montpellier and refusing to disclose his identity, he was taken for a spy in the disguise of a pilgrim, and cast into prison by order of the governor – his own uncle – where five years later he died, in 1327 or 1328. The miraculous cross on his breast as well as a document found in his possession served for his identification. He was given a public funeral, and numerous miracles attested his sanctity.



During the Council of Constance (1414) the plague broke out in that city, and the Fathers of the Council ordered public prayers and processions in honour of Roch; immediately the plague ceased. His relics were carried furtively to Venice in 1485, where they are still

⁴ Cleary, G. (1912). St. Roch. In The Catholic Encyclopedia. New York: Robert Appleton Company. Retrieved July 22, 2020 from New Advent, URL <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13100c.htm>

venerated. It is believed that he belonged to the Third Order of St. Francis; but this cannot be proved. He was canonized by Pope Urban VIII in the early 17th century.

From Our Seminarian

As I was sitting in church after Mass one day this week, I noticed a mother with three young boys walk by to wait in line for Confession. The youngest boy, who was maybe three or four years old, was a joyful looking child and was well-behaved. He was quiet but was wandering and skipping around the church. At first, I thought that maybe his mother should keep him still; after all, we were in church and skipping around isn't what most would call reverent behavior. But then I thought about how Jesus



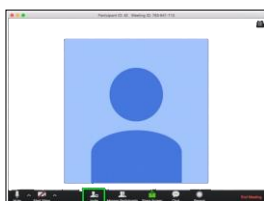
would react. If our Lord were present in His human body again walking among us in that moment, I felt He would be smiling, laughing, and rejoicing with the young child. He would look at him and say to us, "May your faith be like that of this little child: full of joy, trust, and dependence." This made me think of a small passage from the beginning of the Gospel of John: "The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world...[and] to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God" (John 1:9,12). By our very acceptance of our Father, our belief in Him, and our baptism, we have been given power to be called his sons and daughters. May the grace and truth from our beloved childhood of God enlighten and empower us to be able to have the simple, yet rich faith like that of a little child: one full of joy, trust, and dependence. May God bless you all abundantly, Dylan Prentice.



Zoom Video Meeting

This month we will hold our meeting using the video conferencing utility Zoom (see <https://zoom.us/>). As this is the first time there are likely to be some problems, so please download the Zoom Client for Meetings application to your computer (see <https://zoom.us/download>) and try it out in advance in case any settings need to be changed. While Zoom can also be used within your browser without downloading the application, doing so may require a bit more work with browser settings and plugins.

Using Zoom is free for you; the meeting host must pay if the meeting is to exceed 40 minutes. The fraternity has purchased a license so we can have a full length fraternity meeting.



Zoom is also available on a smartphone or iPhone as an application; see Apple's App Store or Google Play. Please look it up and install and configure it ahead of time.

If you do not have a personal computer or smartphone, or if you have problems connecting, you can participate in the Zoom meeting by normal telephone; see the phone number and meeting code on p1 of the *Chimes*.



A Stitch in Chimes

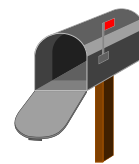
Here's a look at our fraternity 20 years ago:

In August of 2000 Virginia Lyons gave a presentation on St. Clare, the fraternity watched a video "A Time for Miracles" about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the annual weekend retreat was announced, we reprinted an article from TAU-USA about the Pope's message for the Jubilee Year 2000, Fr. Kevin wrote a reflection on our role in today's society, and fraternity member Louise Stockett passed away.



From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Ouida Morrison's** street address is **1090 Milestone Dr. #403**; the unit number was previously incorrect. Please update your directory.
- **Donna Wilkes** thanks members for their prayers. She is recovering slowly from Covid-19 and still needs a great deal of physical therapy.
- **Sr. Lisa** sent a thank-you note and expressed her appreciation at being able to participate in the June meeting.
- **Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land** sent us a newsletter about their continued work in the Holy Land, specifically their music program there.



Remote Meetings Are Fraternity Meetings



We do not know for how long we will have to continue to meet remotely. Even after the Monastery reopens, our meeting rooms may not be available, and many of us may not want to hazard out in a group until a vaccine is available.

Council therefore has decided to continue remote meetings for the foreseeable future. These are not "optional" meetings; they are the required monthly fraternity meetings. If you cannot attend, please inform a Council member as you would for an in-person meeting.

Please Pray For Our Members

Roberto Alvarez; Donna Wilkes, her brother, Hollis, and her friend, Caroline; Gerda Biglin's friend, Ken Esler; Mary Ann Corr and her family; Maria Louisa Correa; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Adele Lewis; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her family; Fritz Nicolas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; John and Deneen Whipple.

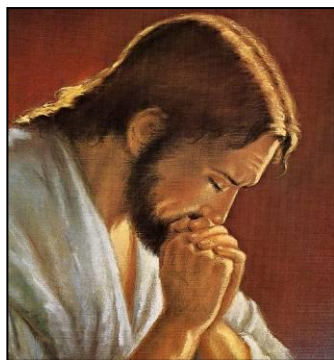


August Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

Ora et labora is an old Latin expression, prayer and work, that describes many a monastic tradition, in particular that of St. Benedict, where the monks worked the fields they owned and prayed before, during and after their labors. The Franciscan tradition reflects a greater emphasis on relations: our relation with one other (fraternity), our family, our neighbors, society at large, and our environs. I would like to use this column to focus on the interpretation of *ora et labora* in a Franciscan context.

Work, in the Franciscan tradition, expresses itself differently for the friars and for the Secular Franciscan. St. Francis insisted on doing something – work – for what people gave him, be it stones, food, or alms for the lepers, but refused any sort of money. For an OFS, work is a necessary component of our lives so we can sustain ourselves, our loved ones, and our society. In both cases, though, work is a taking part in God's act of creation, a giving of ourselves in some manner to this world and to others. We Secular Franciscans have an even better opportunity, due to our living in the world, to give the world and its inhabitants sustenance by our efforts.



Prayer is also a great component of Franciscan life, and that of a Secular Franciscan, such that it too merits an article in our Rule. In prayer we give ourselves to the Lord, as we thank Him, praise Him, beseech Him, express contrition to Him, and, of course, listen to Him.

I think we should link the two in our minds: when we do our work, we should do so as to make it a prayer to the Lord; when we pray, it should be a work of love that we do for the Lord. To paraphrase St. Paul: For whether we work or we pray, we are the Lord's.

September Birthdays

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

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers friar Jim Gardiner, S.A., our Spiritual Assistant, whose birthday is September 21.



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.