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WE WILL HAVE OUR MEETING BY ZOOM ON SEP 20, AT 1:30pm, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH; SEE SCHEDULE.

FOR SOCIAL TIME, THE CONFERENCE WILL OPEN EARLY, AT 1PM.

TO JOIN BY COMPUTER: LOG ONTO ZOOM, MEETING ID 962 5743 6299

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Schedule – Sep 20

- 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 **Social time** by Zoom conference, click <https://zoom.us/j/96257436299>
- 1:30pm Fraternity Meeting starts

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Prayer for vocations – see [\(http://dcsfo.org/prayers/vocations/\)](http://dcsfo.org/prayers/vocations/)
- News of members
- Book discussion – chapter 7
- Discussion of Article 17 of the Rule
- Evening prayer. In “Shorter Christian Prayer”, see **p59** (Evening Prayer II for Week I) and **p530** (antiphon for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

HAVE YOUR BINDERS HANDY!

◆ Theme: COMMON GOOD ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1 Cor 12:4-7)

Prayer of the Month

O Lord, give us, we pray, the wisdom to discern properly and justly, the prudence to choose rightly, the strength to act together with others of good will, the perseverance to see to completion just acts and deeds, the gentleness of word and spirit to persuade others of their rightness, and the humility to give You praise and honor and glory forever. Amen.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

26. On the virtue of fleeing vice ¹

Where there is charity and wisdom, there (is) neither fear nor ignorance. Where there is patience and humility, there (is) neither wrath nor disturbance. Where there is poverty with gladness, there (is) neither cupidity nor avarice. Where there is quiet and meditation, there (is) neither solicitousness nor wandering about. Where there is fear of the Lord to guard the entrance hall (cf. Lk 11:21), there the enemy can have no place to enter. Where there is mercy and discretion, there (is) neither superfluity nor hardness.

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 17 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

In their family they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ.

By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for his Church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their human and spiritual journey by providing a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.” “As a human family we have our common origin in God. We

dwell in a common home, the garden-planet where God placed us. But when we forget all this, our social fabric is weakened and the environment deteriorates.”²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – Respect for the Planet’s Resources. We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner. ³

Fraternity Finances

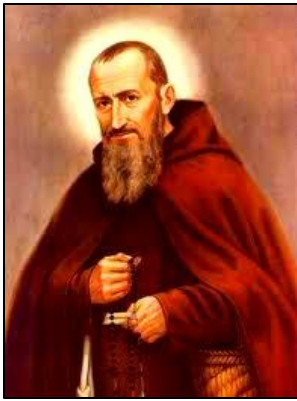
\$ Last month we received \$435 in donations and disbursed \$174.01 in expenses. This does not include undeposited or uncashed checks.

² Sep 7 and 2, 2020. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Sep 7, 2020, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Sep 20th – Feastday of St. Francis Mary of Camporosso⁴



In the cemetery in Genoa a statue of Blessed Francis Mary of Camporosso may be seen which bears the following inscription: “Francis of Camporosso was born December 27, 1804, and died on September 17, 1866.

This poor man in Christ was more blessed in giving than in receiving. With bread and advice and consolation, he was ever prepared to minister to the sufferings and needs of all who came to him. His austere and holy life he crowned with the sacrifice he made of himself at the beginning of the epidemic of 1866. The sorrow and gratitude of the people prompted them to immortalize his image in this marble statue.”

It needed but a few words to say all that one could wish to have said of this apostle of the people. As a shepherd in the little village of Camporosso near San Remo he was obliged to contribute to the support of his family. Later he joined the Capuchins at Genoa. There he clothed his ideals and intentions in the words: “I came to the convent to be its beast of burden.”

The opportunity was presented to St. Francis Mary of Camporosso to carry out his intentions when he was made infirmarian, and especially when he was appointed to collect alms. He called at the palaces of the nobles, but oftener at the huts of the poor in order to distribute to them the alms he had just begged. He ventured to go into the ill-famed quarters of the seaport, where he would pick up and kiss the stones thrown at him.

He was a familiar figure in the dockyards, and eventually became well known as a saint. Those who labored there soon discovered that they

could ask him for news of their friends and relatives who were far away and even overseas. Even though he had never met any of these people, his information always proved to be exactly correct.

Soon it was reported of him from all sides that he was working miracles, cures, and conversions of a most unusual kind. People of rank as well as the lowliest souls came to him to seek advice.

His love for our Blessed Lady was most touching. He spent entire nights on his knees before the Blessed Sacrament. When an epidemic broke out in 1866, he was seized with the desire to make his last and most magnanimous sacrifice. He knelt before the altar of the Immaculate Virgin, and through her hands offered himself to God as a victim of expiation.

On September 17th, he departed this life as a victim. The epidemic ceased that very same day.

Book Discussion: “Surrounded by Love”



This month we will continue to discuss the book “**Surrounded by Love**”. Please **read chapter 7** and be ready to discuss.

A Stitch in Chimes

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

In September of 2000 the fraternity asked members to celebrate Labor Day with a remembrance of the redemptive value of work,



announced the upcoming retreat, discussed the recommendations of the Pastoral Visitation report, rejoiced with member Viola DeLilly (d.) as she celebrated her 100th birthday, thanked Maureen Nolan (d.) for her generous contribution, requested donations for The Gift of Peace House and The Ronald McDonald House, and requested prayers for John Poppeliers (d.), former minister of St. Francis Fraternity.

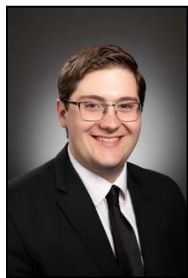
⁴ Extracted from *The Franciscan Book Of Saints*, ed. by Marion Habig, OFM, cited on web site Roman Catholic

Saints, accessed Sep 7, URL <https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/francis-mary-of-camporosso.html>

From Our Seminarian

Monthly message from Dylan Prentice

Greetings from Theological College in northeast DC! As I begin my major seminary studies here, I have been able to reflect on the past and think about the future. I believe that among many in my generation there is a growing sense of a need to “change the world,” to make a real difference, or to contribute something great to history. This good-natured but overly ambitious mindset in young people now, I believe, comes from witnessing and living through things like the Columbine shooting, the 9/11 attacks, the DC sniper, the 2008 financial crisis, and the turmoil set forth by countless cases of clerical abuse within our own Church. In just the past eight months of 2020, we see more mass shootings and protests, a global pandemic that continues to cripple our country, and an approaching election that continues to divide citizens. What can I do to change the world?, I asked myself. What can I possibly do that could be worth it and help enough people? Then, I came to my senses. I most likely cannot fix all the bad people or make the history books, and God doesn’t ask that I, or any of us, do. But He does ask that we follow His will for us, that He might effect change in the world through us. This might be grand and public or simple and humble, but, regardless, whatever good work is to be done in the troubled society around us, if done by God’s direction, is good, holy, and valuable work. We must think like our Lord when He said to His disciples, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me. And to accomplish his work” (John 4:34). May God bless you all abundantly, Dylan Prentice.



Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: October 4 – St. Francis, 19 – Piotr Blajer, and 25 – Thomas Courtney.

Zoom Video Meeting

For the foreseeable future we will hold our meeting using the video conferencing utility Zoom (see <https://zoom.us/>). Please download the Zoom Client for Meetings application to your computer (see <https://zoom.us/download>) if you have not done so already. While Zoom can also be used within your browser by activating the link on p1, doing so may require a change of browser settings and plugins.

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



Remote Meetings Are Fraternity Meetings

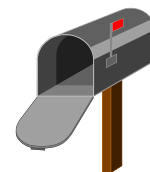


We do not know for how long we will have to continue to meet remotely. Even after the Monastery reopens, our meeting rooms may not be available, and many of us may not want to hazard out in a group until a vaccine is available. Council therefore has decided to continue remote meetings for the foreseeable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

Pray For Our Deceased Mary Okumu’s brother, **Anthony Otokodit**, who died recently. 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.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Ouida Morrison** has a new email address: morrisonouida@gmail.com
- **Margaret Murphy** has a new address: 35 Colonial Dr., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090, phone 410-789-0248.



September Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

The Earth is our common home, Pope Francis tells us in a recent message, as well as in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. It is a part of what earlier popes referred to as the common good. I would like to pause and reflect on what this is.

The Church defines well terms she uses when she teaches. For a definition, I reached back to *Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching* (CST) and the *Catechism* (CCC).

The principle of the common good ... stems from the dignity, unity and equality of all people. ... the common good indicates "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily" (CST 164).

In this we see we each have a dignity as rational beings created by God Himself; we are all one in Him; and we are all equal before Him.

The common good has three elements: *respect for and promotion of the fundamental rights of the person; prosperity, or the development of the spiritual and temporal goods of society; the peace and security of the group and of its members* (CCC 1924).

The common good is much more than the sum of *particular* "goods"; they are goods that belong to all and to each of us, benefitting one and all.

We are all responsible to strive to achieve the common good (CST 167). It is also the responsibility of the State to act on behalf of society to achieve the common good, especially since it is for this reason this political authority exists in the first place (CST 168).

A last thought, which was articulated well and which I feel the need to share: *The common good of society is not an end in itself; it has value only in reference to attaining the ultimate ends of the person and the universal common good of the whole of creation* (CST 170). Without this perspective we'd have a purely materialistic interpretation, with the common good being nothing more than socio-economic well-being.

In this season of discernment, let us strive for society's common good in the here and now, yet keep our hearts and minds set on the eternal.

Please Pray For Our Members

Brenda Nutt; Justina Essiet and her brother Michael Udoiong; Mary Okumu, her brothers Anthony Otokodit (d.) and Christopher Okumu, and her sister Flora Okumu; Mary Ann Corr and her family; Maria Louisa Correa; Sarah Faizi and her friend Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Corky Hart and her family; 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; Donna Wilkes, her brother, Hollis, and her friend, Caroline.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

October 3 – St. John of Dukla, priest, I Order; 4 – Our Holy Father Francis, deacon, Founder of the Three Orders; 5 – St. Anna Schäffer, OFS (on ciofs website, she died on Oct 5th); 6 – St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, virgin, III Order; 10 – St. Daniel, priest, and companions, martyrs [Angelus, Samuel, Donulus, Leo, Hugolinus and Nicholas], I Order; Bl. Mother Mary Angela Truszkowska, III Order; 11 – Bl. John XIII, pope, III Order; 12 – St. Seraphin of Montegrano, religious, I Order; 13 – Bl. Honorat Kozminski, priest, I Order, founder; 16 – The Servant of the Lord—James of the Rosary; 20 – Bl. James of Strepar, bishop, I Order; Bl. Contardo Ferrini, III Order; 21 – Bl. Josephine Leroux, virgin, martyr, II Order; 22 – St. Peter of Alcantara, priest, I Order; 23 – St. John of Capestrano, priest, I Order; 25 – Saint Antonio de Santa Ana (Frei Galvao); Bl. Maria Jesus Ferragut, virgin, and companions, martyrs of Valencia (Maria Veronica Masiá, Maria Felicity Masiá Ferragut, Isabel Claduch Rovira, Milagros Ortells Gimeno), II Order; 26 – Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza, priest, I Order; 31 – Bl. Angelo of Acri, priest, I Order.

October Birthdays

October 6 – Margaret Murphy, 17 – Cornelia Hart, and 22 – Gerda Biglin.