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WE WILL MEET IN-PERSON ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 1:30 PM IN THE ST. BONAVENTURE ROOM AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY. THERE WILL BE NO MASS AND WE WILL NOT HAVE REFRESHMENTS, JUST A MEETING. PLEASE WEAR A MASK, AS DC HAS REIMPOSED MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR INDOOR GATHERINGS.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SIMULTANEOUS ZOOM MEETING FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO JOIN US DUE TO HEALTH OR DISTANCE.

- **TO JOIN BY COMPUTER, USE THIS LINK:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83491083992?pwd=U3RSQmxWeU84TzlrU3V3anhRcEtTZz09> Meeting ID: 834 9108 3992 Passcode: 284231

- **TO JOIN BY TELEPHONE, CALL 301-715-8592, ENTER MEETING ID 834 9108 3992**

WHETHER YOU JOIN IN PERSON OR BY ZOOM/PHONE, PLEASE ARRIVE BETWEEN 115 AND 130 PM SO WE CAN START THE MEETING PROMPTLY AT 130 PM. THANK YOU!

◆ **Theme: CULTIVATING RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE**

Fraternity Meeting Agenda: Sunday September 19

- Opening prayer
- News of members
- Meet a Franciscan
- Short presentation on *Fratelli Tutti*, Ch 6: Dialogue and Friendship in Society
- Discussion of *Fratelli Tutti* Ch 6.
- Closing: Evening Prayer

Preparing for our meeting

Please read in advance Ch 6 of Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* and prepare your thoughts. Advance preparation makes for a much better discussion. If you do not have a book copy, you may read the entire encyclical at this link:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html .

Gospel Quote of the Month – Jesus said, “Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the wooden beam in your own eye?” (*Matthew 7: 1-3*)

Franciscan Quote of the Month – “I counsel, admonish and exhort my brothers in the Lord Jesus Christ, that, when they go about the world, they do not quarrel or fight with words, or judge others. Rather, let them be meek, peaceful and unassuming, gentle and humble, speaking courteously to everyone, as is becoming.” (*St Francis, Later Rule, Ch III: 10-11*)



The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order – Chapter II The Way of Life. 19. Mindful that they are bearers of peace, which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October– We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

News of our members

Our former minister Larry Bleau and wife Valerie have settled well in Florida and send their greetings to all. They have a large house and find the new neighbors friendly and their community full of activities. Their new address is 1509 Contreras Ln., The Villages, FL 32159. Landline is 352-633-1043, email and mobile phone are the same as before. Please contact them if you plan to be in Florida!

Our sister Polly Howard is now Novice Frances Pauline at All Saints Convent in Catonsville MD. In a recent letter to our minister, she reports that she prays for all fraternity members daily and adds “I will let you know about my profession when it comes up. I would love to have you all attend, God willing. After all, you all are a part of my spiritual family.” She would welcome hearing from fraternity members. Please write to her at: Novice Frances Pauline, PO Box 3127, Catonsville MD 21228

Please pray for our members – Amy Bilyeau, Vilma Camposano, Mary Anne Corr and her niece Maria Louisa Correa, Sarah Faizi and her friend Ron Harner, Jean Fleurival,

John Hewitt, Adele Lewis, Nancy McCleary, Ouida Morrison, Carol Petro, Cecilia Thieman and family, Helen Walls, Dineen and John Whipple, Donna Wilkes

October Birthdays –17- Cornelia Hart; 22- Gerda Biglin

The Information Corner – St. Joseph of Cupertino, September 18

St. Joseph was born to a poor family in Italy and only gradually became a Franciscan; first he was a servant at a convent, then became a tertiary, a novice, and later a priest (although he could barely read and write). After being ordained, he began to display extraordinary spiritual gifts, including flights of ecstasy during which he would be visibly transported into the air. He was brought before the Inquisition, ordered not to say mass in public and forbidden to have dealings with the outside world. He died in 1663.

--Source: Robert Ellsberg, *The Franciscan Saints*, Franciscan Media, 2017

Franciscan Feasts 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.

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September Reflection

by Michele Dunne, OFS

As I write to you from my patio, I can hear the early evening song of the crickets, telling me that summer is nearly over. No matter how long I have been out of school, September still seems like the time to begin again, to be reinvigorated, and to feel a new sense of purpose.

What is our purpose as a Franciscan fraternity? There are many potential answers to that question, but two of them occur to me based on recent guidance offered to us by Pope Francis. First, the Holy Father has asked us to devote this month to a special love and care for the beautiful creation in which our God has placed us. Seeing the victims of flooding in New Orleans and New York City recently, most of whom lived in poorly built houses or illegal basement apartments, a quote from *Laudato Si* (which was on the suggested prayer sheet for the first week of September) came to me: “Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest.” There is a clear connection between loving care for the environment and for the poor, both of which were special emphases for our father St. Francis. How can I as a Franciscan become more sensitive to the cries of the earth and of the poor?

Another purpose that we might explore comes to us through Chapter 6 of the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, which we will discuss at our September 19 meeting. The Holy Father reminds us in this chapter that we are to hold to our enduring Christian and Catholic values and at the same time “recognize other people’s right to be themselves and to be different.” He promises that if we engage in dialogue, with special attention to the intrinsic human dignity of the other person, we will “grow in our ability to grasp the significance of what others say and do, even if we cannot accept it as our own conviction.” In other words, the point is not to convince others or defeat their arguments, but to understand. We know how good St. Francis and St. Clare were at doing this, treating with great courtesy even those with whom they disagreed strongly. As someone said to me recently, “If we Franciscans cannot lead in the field of respectful dialogue among people with differences, then who can do it?”

On September 18-19, my husband and I will take our 20-year-old son to begin an internship program in Massachusetts—another beginning. I will miss being with you at this month’s meeting, but you will be in the excellent hands of our Vice Minister Joe Gigliotti, who will lead the meeting.

Indeed, September is a time of new beginnings; as our dear St. Francis reminded us near the end of his life, “let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing.” Be assured that all of you, my dear sisters and brothers, are in my prayers daily.