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WE WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 1:30 PM AT THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY IN OUR USUAL ROOM.

For those unable to join in person due to health or distance, please join by Zoom:

- To join by computer, use this link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86165611543?pwd=czRzdzB0bDA4b1UraThiQ3NKTXNrUT09> Meeting ID: 861 6561 1543 Passcode: 859773
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Fraternity Meeting Agenda: Sunday, May 15, 2022, 130 pm

- Gather: 1:15-1:30 pm
- Opening prayer
- News of members
- Presentation: The Holy Land: a visit to Ein Karem
- Discussion: *Encountering Jesus*, Ch 2, "Ein Karem: The Visitation"
- Closing prayer: St. Francis' Praises to the Blessed Virgin Mary & Praises of the Christian Virtues

Preparing for our May Meeting – At our May meeting, we will begin our Holy Land spiritual journey using the book *Encountering Jesus: A Holy Land Experience*, by Vincenzo Peroni (Franciscan Media, 2020). By now most members have a copy, but if you do not the book is available from Amazon in print, Kindle, or Audible versions.

Please read the foreword, preface, and introduction (each very short) and Ch 2 of the book before our meeting. Please reflect on the questions and come prepared to share!

Ongoing Formation Volunteers - June- Mary Gigliotti, July- Joe Gigliotti, Aug- Dineen Whipple, Sep-Joe Gigliotti, Oct- Amy Bilyeau, Nov-Joe Gigliotti, Dec-John Whipple.

Upcoming: Quinquennial - The Quinquennial, the national gathering of Seculars every five years, will take place in Phoenix, AZ **August 3-6, 2022**. Registration is required

by July 1: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/General-Information-post-by-Aug.-1-2021.pdf>

Fraternity Finances – April deposits were \$285.00; expenditures were \$28.30. **Fair Share for 2022** is now due: \$40 each for active professed or candidate; \$20 each for excused. About one-half of members have paid so far.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June 2022– *Families:* We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Please pray for our members – Amy Bilyeau, Mary Ann Corr, Maria Louisa Correa and her family, Sarah Faizi and her friend Ron Harner, Jean Fleurival, and Helen Walls. George Ramsey thanks members for their prayers during his recent illness.

Change of address- Sarah Faizi will move to Riderwood in June. Her new address will be Orchard Point Apt 513, 3140 Gracefield Rd, Silver Spring MD 20904.

Franciscan Feasts and Memorials, June – St. Felix of Nicosia, religious, I Order; 8 – Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi, religious, I Order; 12 – Bl. Florida Cevoli, virgin, I Order; Bl. Jolenta, religious, II Order; Bl. Antoninus Bajewski, priest, and companions, martyrs (Pius Bartosik, Innocent Guz, Achille Puchala, Herman Stepien, priests; Timothy Troianowski, Boniface Zukowski, religious), I Order; 13 – St. Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor, I Order; 16 – Bl. Anizet Koplín, priest, and companions, martyrs of Poland (Henry Krzystofik, Florian Stêpniak, Fidelis Chojnacki, Symforiam Ducki), I Order; Bl. Guy (Guido) Vignotelli, priest, I Order; 17 – St. Albert Chmielowski, religious, III Order, founder; 22 – St. Thomas More, martyr, III Order; 23 – St. Joseph Cafasso, priest, III Order; 25 – Bl. Jutta of Thuringia, widow, III Order; 26 – Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin, bishop, I Order; 27 – Margurite Bays, III Order; 30 – Bl. Raymond Lull, martyr, III Order

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May Reflection

Michele Dunne, OFS

As we begin our fraternity's virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I am reminded of the stages of religious pilgrimage as discussed by DePaul University scholar Dr Ken Butigan during a recent online course: the longing, the call, the preparation, the departure, the journey, the arrival at the center, the return, and the integration. The "arrival at the center"—the moment when the pilgrim experiences some important blessing or insight that makes the meaning of the pilgrimage clear—is particularly intriguing.

As a fraternity, we perhaps have already experienced the longing to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the call to do so; in fact, that came from our Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Jim. We have prepared for the pilgrimage by choosing a book to guide us and through the volunteering of several fraternity members to lead us on our monthly excursions.

Now it is time to depart and begin our journey. For the first place we will visit, I have chosen the village of Ein Karem, the traditional site of the Visitation. The feast of the Visitation is coming up at the end of May, so we are keeping in step with the liturgical calendar. And the Visitation is also about a journey: the journey of Mary to visit her older kinswoman Elizabeth and to share the wonder of their two pregnancies. That would have been a kind of pilgrimage for the young Virgin Mary, seeking out the confirmation of the divine sign given to her by the Angel Gabriel.

The Visitation also reminds me of holy friendship—the sort of friendship we share as Franciscans. Whatever our diversity in terms of age, sex, ethnicity, etc., I am always amazed at how we can look into each other's eyes and understand one another. We know we are on the same path: following Jesus Christ in the special way that St. Francis and St. Clare showed us. We understand each other's joys and struggles in a special way, and we hold each other in love and prayer as true spiritual brothers and sisters, just as Elizabeth and Mary did.

Keep well, my dear friends, and let us meet soon on our shared pilgrimage. We are departing and starting the journey; who knows when and where our "arrival at the center" of the pilgrimage will be?

