

ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone; May the Peace of Christ be with you !

After a chilly Spring, Summer has finally arrived. This month we celebrate the 242nd anniversary of our independence as a nation. Along with the fireworks, parades, and festivity let us not forget the countless individuals, both great and small, who sacrificed so much to bring this nation about. Let us not, especially, forget their faith and reliance on God to see them through the darkest hours. We owe them, and God, so much for our freedom.

At this month's gathering we will hear from our brother's Patrick Caughy and Chris Donaldson about the Saint Paul Street Ministry. The Council heard from them at the May meeting and were very impressed. I hope you will be too at this very worthwhile endeavor.

Recently a list of Franciscan Saints and Blessed was sent to all of you. The list came from our region, Saint Margaret of Cortona. I encourage you to look these Saints and Blessed up at your leisure. When we think of Saints and Blessed it is easy to place them on a pedestal far out of reach from us in today's world. But if you examine their lives you will find that they are not out of reach at all....and you just may see your own experiences reflected.

Pax et Bonum,
Ed



September 18, 2018

Fraternity Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony

October 21 - Profession

Our Franciscan Center Apostolate

Don't forget to bring your donated items to this month's gathering, please pick from below. Remember your monthly donation(s) are tax deductible.

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| Hand sanitizer | Soap |
| Toothbrushes | Toothpaste |
| Shampoo & Conditioner | Washcloths |
| Deodorant | Disposable razors |
| Feminine hygiene products | |

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Evening Prayer



**Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



Please Pray For ...

Connie Baker, OFS
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**OUR DECEASED
BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

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IV. DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE BREAK-DOWN OF SOCIETY

Paragraph 47 “Furthermore, when media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to live wisely, to think deeply and to love generously. In this context, the great sages of the past run the risk of going unheard amid the noise and distractions of an information overload. Efforts need to be made to help these media become sources of new cultural progress for humanity and not a threat to our deepest riches. True wisdom, as the fruit of self-examination, dialogue and generous encounter between persons, is not acquired by a mere accumulation of data which eventually leads to overload and confusion, a sort of mental pollution. Real relationships with others, with all the challenges they entail, now tend to be replaced by a type of internet communication which enables us to choose or eliminate relationships at whim, thus giving rise to a new type of contrived emotion which has more to do with devices and displays than with other people and with nature. Today’s media do enable us to communicate and to share our knowledge and affections. Yet at times they also shield us from direct contact with the pain, the fears and the joys of others and the complexity of their personal experiences. For this reason, we should be concerned that, alongside the exciting possibilities offered by these media, a deep and melancholic dissatisfaction with interpersonal relations, or a harmful sense of isolation, can also arise..”

~ Pope Francis

Where is The Apostles Creed Found in the Bible?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,	(Mt 5:45)
Creator of heaven and earth,	(Gen 1: 1ff; Rom 1:20)
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord	(Mt 3:17)
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,	(Lk 1:35)
born of the Virgin Mary,	(Lk 2:7)
suffered under Pontius Pilate,	(Jn 19:16)
was crucified, died, and was buried.	(Jn 19:29-42)
He descended into hell;	(1 Peter 3:19-20)
on the third day He rose again from the dead,	(Mt 28:1-10; Jn 20:11-18)
He ascended in heaven,	(Lk 50)
and sits at the right hand of God,	(Heb 1:3)
the Father almighty;	(Mk 14:36)
from thence He shall come again	(Mt 16:27; Acts 10:39ff;)
to judge the living and the dead.	(1 Cor 15:52ff)
I believe in the Holy Spirit.	(Acts 1:7-8)
the Holy Catholic Church,	(Mt 16:18-19; Eph 5:26-27;
	Col 1:24)
the communion of Saints,	(Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 4:12)
the forgiveness of sins,	(Jn 20: 22-23)
the resurrection of the body,	(1Cor 15: 51-54;
	1 Thes 4:13-18)
and life everlasting	(1 Jn 5:20)



Treasurer's Report

June – 2018

Beginning Balance: \$ 1,906.86
Common Fund

Contributions 386.09

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Brother Lawrence 100.00

Franciscan Friars 100.00

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Total \$ **215.00**

Ending Balance: \$ **2,077.95**

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July Birthdays



Jeanne Kerins, OFS 07/11

Gerry Pinkas, OFS 07/18

Mary Karth, OFS 07/28

Will Witherspoon, OFS 07/31

Food for Thought

How cool is it that the same God that created mountains and oceans and galaxies thought the world needed one of you too.

Author Unknown

We are called to take care of others

We cannot lock ourselves in our private group. All are called to take care of our brothers and sisters, especially the most marginalized. Pope Francis affirms this in his Regina Coeli thoughts on Monday April 2, 2018, in St. Peter's Square. The Pontiff underlines that the common good and justice cannot be achieved without fraternity, because only through "fraternal sharing" can one realize "an authentic ecclesial or civil community". Otherwise, "there is only a set of individuals driven by their own interests".

It is "so important in our time to rediscover fraternity, just as it was lived in the early Christian communities". We must "rediscover how to give space to Jesus who never separates, always unites". Because there cannot be "a true communion and a commitment to the common good and social justice without fraternity and sharing. Without fraternal sharing, an authentic ecclesial or civil community cannot be created: there is only a group of individuals motivated by their own interests".

Easter "explodes in the world the novelty of dialogue and relationship, something new that has become a responsibility for Christians".

Christ says: "From this everyone will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another". "We cannot confine ourselves in our private group, but we are called to take care of the common good, to take care of our brothers and sisters, especially the weakest and most marginalized ". Only fraternity can "guarantee lasting peace, can defeat poverty, can extinguish tensions and wars, can eradicate corruption and crime".

Take every opportunity to be witnesses of the peace of the risen Lord especially in regard to the most frail and disadvantaged ". (Vatican Insider - Domenico Agasso Jr).

Jesus

He had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

A Prescription from St. Francis For Living a Good Life

From Reluctant Saint: the Life of Francis of Assisi, a new biography of St. Francis by Donald Spoto.

When questioned about the meaning of following in his footsteps, Francis referred to the last sections of the Rule he had drafted in 1220 and 1221 – the document rejected and diluted by the fraternity. The sense of his words is clear:

- God is the absolute good and must have priority in our lives.
- Our lives themselves manifest the praise of God.
- We give thanks for the beauty of the world.
- We long to believe fully in the triune God, Who created, redeemed, and will finally act in love to save us forever.
- We long to desire nothing but God, on Whom we depend and in Whom we hope.
- We want to love God because He has first loved us.
- Doing penance means constantly turning to God.
- We are poor because God alone is rich, and everything good belongs to Him. Therefore, we need not be concerned about ourselves, our honor, our earthly goals. We can abandon ourselves and leave ourselves open to Him Who gives us everything. He is not unfeeling or indifferent, but He constantly draws near to us, speaks to us, saves us.
- For all these reasons, we are also concerned for the well-being and salvation of all mankind.
- We prefer the celebration and the living out of our faith rather than disputing about it – hence we go among unbelievers and preach to others mostly by example.
- It would be difficult to find, then or now, a better outline for a good life.

OUR GATHERINGS

All should make every effort to attend our gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, contact a council member (see page 1 for telephone numbers). If you are a candidate or are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund to:

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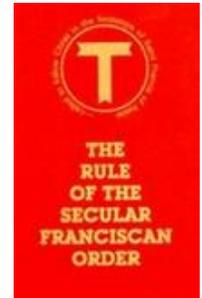
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General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order



December 8, 2000

The Form of Life Article 13

3. Traditional among Franciscan penitents, penitential practices such as fasting and abstinence should be known, appreciated, and lived out according to the general guidelines of the Church.