

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
2018 Theme for the Year "Living Our Charism Within Our Culture"
Profession Ceremony – October 21, 2018

Be solicitous to make your elections permanent

ACTING MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, may the Peace of Christ be with you!

What a wonderful day we had for our annual picnic. It was certainly a nail biter until almost the last minute whether the rain would stop on time as predicted. The Good Lord came through with a beautiful afternoon and I am very thankful. I also want to thank everyone that helped to plan the picnic, all those who brought the delicious side dishes, the cooks, those who assisted in the cleanup, and last but not least, all our brothers and sisters from the other fraternities who attended. It was good to see them.

PROFESSION

In place of our regular gathering this month we will be celebrating the Profession of six of our candidates; James Kim, Denise Donaldson, Karan Bevers, Mick Michieli-Beasley, and Richard and Theresa Lam. Mass, with Father Eric as the celebrant, will be at 3 PM. Following the Mass, a POT LUCK reception will be held in the refectory. Please bring something to share. **please let me know what you will bring so we can start a list and get things organized.** Will also be getting a couple of sandwich trays to supplement the pot luck. Do not bring any dessert items as a cake will be provided.

Please make every effort to attend this milestone event in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Pax et Bonum, Ed Burgee, OFS

Profession in SFO - a special Gift of God
Fred Schaeffer, OFS

Those who profess in the SFO say: "since the Lord has given me this grace, I renew my baptismal promises and consecrate myself to the service of His kingdom."

Profession is made in the presence of the assembled fraternity, which accepts the candidates' request, since Profession is a gift given by the Father to that fraternity by incorporating new members into it.

Grateful for the gift, the Fraternity is united to the prayer of those making profession, so that the Holy Spirit may bring to fulfillment the work He has begun.

Profession is a gift not only given to the individual but to the entire local fraternity, and indeed, to the Order.

Let us give thanks to God in this Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Your incorporation into it is a reason for hope and joy in the hearts of all the brothers and sisters.

This statement, further exemplifies the above comment that profession of one of our sisters or brothers gives all of us in the fraternity great hope and joy.

The Flyer



**Our Fraternity Council
2016 - 2019**

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Profession Ceremony

**3PM in the Friary
Chapel**

Reception to follow





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

Paragraph 50 “Instead of resolving the problems of the poor and thinking of how the world can be different, some can only propose a reduction in the birth rate. At times, developing countries face forms of international pressure which make economic assistance contingent on certain policies of “reproductive health”. Yet “while it is true that an unequal distribution of the population and of available resources creates obstacles to development and a sustainable use of the environment, it must nonetheless be recognized that demographic growth is fully compatible with an integral and shared development”.^[28] To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues. It is an attempt to legitimize the present model of distribution, where a minority believes that it has the right to consume in a way which can never be universalized, since the planet could not even contain the waste products of such consumption. Besides, we know that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and “whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor”.^[29] Still, attention needs to be paid to imbalances in population density, on both national and global levels, since a rise in consumption would lead to complex regional situations, as a result of the interplay between problems linked to environmental pollution, transport, waste treatment, loss of resources and quality of life.”

Please Pray For ...

Connie Baker, OFS
Marlene Feaga, OFS
Marie Lindung, OFS
Jim Manning, OFS
Georgianna Papazian, OFS
Jim Tebo, OFS



OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Deacon Tom Bello, OFS
Frances Bastress, SFO
Joe Bezila, SFO
Jerry Cichowicz, SFO
Shirley Costello, OFS
Joe Cykoski, SFO
Stella Cykoski, SFO
Claire Lee Davison, SFO
Adela Duff, SFO
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Charles Ferrara, SFO
Mary Ferrara, SFO
Dolores Fritz, OFS
Marilyn Gilson, SFO
Richard Hall, SFO
Joy Kubricky, OFS
Frances Langbehn, SFO
Bob Lewis, SFO
Jean Manning, OFS
Yvonne Proch, SFO
Nancy Seaton, SFO
Don Sweitzer, OFS
Betty Taylor, SFO
Bud Tenley, SFO
Regina Yeager, SFO
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

~ Pope Francis



October 21 - Profession
November 18 – Mass for our deceased Sister and Brothers
December 16 – Christmas Party
January 20 – Extraction of Saints



Remembering Your Profession

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| Jim Tebo, OFS (41 yrs.) | 10/23/77 | Geri Flynn, OFS (7 yrs.) | 10/16/11 |
| Theresa Heath, OFS (37 yrs.) | 10/11/81 | Rosemary Whelan, OFS (7 yrs.) | 10/16/11 |
| John Kirby, OFS (24 yrs.) | 10/16/94 | Jerry Yu, OFS (7 yrs.) | 10/16/11 |
| Sherry Lewis, OFS (24 yrs.) | 10/16/94 | Mary Chandler, OFS (2 yrs.) | 10/23/16 |
| Amy Kulesa, OFS (15 yrs.) | 10/20/03 | John Handiboe, OFS (2 yrs.) | 10/23/16 |
| Eileen Peregoy, OFS (15 yrs.) | 10/20/03 | Charlene Heyden, OFS (2 yrs.) | 10/23/16 |
| Patricia Frederick, OFS (12 yrs.) | 10/18/06 | Jeanne Kerins, OFS (2 yrs.) | 10/23/16 |
| Diane Witherspoon, OFS (12 yrs.) | 10/18/06 | Boniface Kim, OFS (2 yrs.) | 10/23/16 |
| Lorie Chase, OFS (10 yrs.) | 10/15/08 | Julianna Kim, OFS (2 yrs.) | 10/23/16 |
| Edward Burgee, OFS (7 yrs.) | 10/16/11 | Mark McPherson, OFS (2 yrs.) | 10/23/16 |



Treasurer's Report

September – 2018

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| Beginning Balance: | \$ 1,848.17 |
| Common Fund | 468.69 |
| Total | \$ 2,316.86 |
| Expenses: | |
| Brother Lawrence | 100.00 |
| Franciscan Friars | 100.00 |
| Picnic Venue Stipen | 400.00 |
| Web & Office | 49.95 |
| Total | \$ 649.95 |
| Ending Balance: | \$ 1,666.91 |

Thank you for your monthly contributions

Contributions are tax deductible

October Birthdays



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| Mimi Cox Owens, OFS | 10/01 |
| Bob Longo, OFS | 10/06 |
| Joanne Patton, OFS | 10/08 |
| Harry Ford, OFS | 10/10 |
| Lita Maisel, OFS | 10/13 |
| Michael Radcliffe, OFS | 10/22 |
| Theresa Heath, OFS | 10/30 |

Don't Forget to Bring Your



FRANCISCAN CENTER GIVING

Do to the profession ceremony this month, we will continue our monthly donations to the Franciscan Center in November.

Please keep the book sharing group in mind

All are so welcome whether you have read from the book being discussed or not. We always find Franciscan spirituality to be the basis of our discussions and would love to have many voices present.

Currently, we are reading "Clare, A Light In The Garden". A beautiful meditation on the life of St Clare and her relationship to St Francis.

We meet on the first Saturday of each month from 1pm til 3pm in the Kolbe Room at the Shrine though we are very willing to move to another time slot if space at the Shrine is available. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy good conversation!

Franciscan Prayer

We know that neither Clare nor Francis offered a complicated prayer method. They call their followers to prayer with a decidedly contemplative dimension - to be present to God who is present to all creatures is prayer. They require that our prayer be Trinitarian. Our prayer is always addressed to God in the Son by the power of the Spirit. ... Our prayer is to be Incarnational. We become alive to God's deeds in the greatest gift of God, the Incarnation, in which God becomes one with us in the Son. The purpose of all Franciscan prayer, then is to give God ceaseless praise and thanksgiving for all God has done and does in creation and in our re-creation in Christ.

Prayer is a way of life for us – all the time and everywhere. We should be so filled with God that adoration flows from the depth of our inner life ... with joy and thanksgiving. This is the holiness to which we are called. Our everyday should thus be sanctified. In Francis' time, this sanctification of the day was given clear expression in the divine office. This is still the Church's understanding of the Liturgy of the Hours. We pray with the Son in his Mystical Body celebrating God's gift of salvation throughout the day. ... For Francis, praying the Office is also a sign of fidelity to the Church's tradition of daily praise and intercession.

(In the Rule), the motivation for our life of ceaseless prayer is described. ... The created world is the expression of God's goodness and the theater of God's redemptive love for us. Because we are made in God's image, it is possible for us to seek union with God as we do God's will. Thus, the Franciscan does not flee the world in order to "escape" to God, but seeks immersion in its sacramental reality. - Margaret Carney, OSF – "Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise"

The gospel way is a way of active love

To love our enemies, to turn the other cheek, to feed the hungry, to lay down one's life—these, Francis indicates, are not forms of passivity and resignation but active affirmations and instances of Jesus' Reign of God. While warning that "all who take up the sword will perish by the sword" (Matt. 26:52), Jesus rebukes the disciples who request permission to call down fire from heaven on inhospitable Samaritans (Luke 9:51-56). That war-like activity is familiar to us listening to accounts of bombing strikes in contemporary warfare on nearly every continent. Jesus urges a transformation based on compassion, bearing one another's burdens, loving one's enemies, sharing one's goods with each other. In the end, he asks for forgiveness for those who put him to death for "they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 34: 24).

*"Look at the humility of God, and pour out your hearts before Him!
Humble yourselves that you may be exalted by Him!
Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves, that He who gives
Himself
totally to you may receive you totally!"*

Francis of Assisi

Food for Thought

Ways to Inspire Kindness:

Talk to strangers, especially people different from you.

Fast from unkind words. Use your words to bless, heal, or bring peace.

Let others go first. Let cars go in front of you in traffic. Let someone go in front of you in line at the grocery store.

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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Calendar

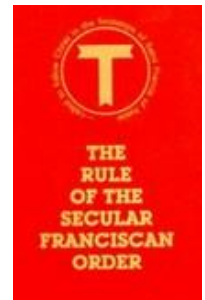
At the Friary

Chapel open daily
Noon Mass every day

From 9 AM – 5 PM

For more information call:
410 531-2800

General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order



December 8, 2000

The Form of Life Article 14

3. They should participate in the sacraments of the Church, attentive not only to personal sanctification, but also to fostering the growth of the Church and the spreading of the Kingdom. They should collaborate in achieving living and conscious celebrations in their own parishes, particularly in the celebrations of baptism, confirmation, marriage, and the anointing of the sick.