



# The Franciscan Sun- Herald

St. John the Beloved Apostle Fraternity  
Third Order of Saint Francis - Secular  
November 2023

**Gathering Place:**  
Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church & Lyceum  
313 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA  
**Gathering Date:** November 11, 2023, at the Lyceum.



**The Rule of the OFS:**

**Article 18**

*Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which “bear the imprint of the Most high,” and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.*

**Minister’s Corner:**

Brothers and Sisters in Saints Francis and Clare,

This month we remember all those who have gone before us, especially on All Saints Day and All Souls Day. These are also moments for us to reflect on the Four Last Things, Heaven, Purgatory, Hell, and Judgement, and the Communion of Saints. It is a time to examine how our journey is really going. Are we on the right path, or have we strayed some?

At the end of our days, we will not be judged based on what we accomplished at

work, how much wealth we obtained, how many college degrees we have, whether our house was paid off or not, or on how many titles and positions we held. Rather, we will be judged on how much we loved. We were all created in the “image and likeness of God.” That’s not just about how we look, but what we do and say and act. Jesus taught us that we need to love as God loves, and care for each other as God does.

I believe we all fall way short of that! But that doesn’t mean that we stop trying. This month, we will have our last Christ House event for the year and then we go into the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas periods. I would encourage everyone to remember to spend some time helping others, and spending time with friends and family, who also need our love and attention.

Have a great Thanksgiving and God Bless you and your families.

Pax et Bonum.  
Tom White, OFS

**November 2023:**  
**Article Eighteen of the Rule of Life**

Article Eighteen of the Rule of Life recognizes the Franciscan attitude toward all creation. Saint Francis was keenly aware of the

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relationship between all things and the common origin of all things, which is God. Because God created all things, all things belong to him and we cannot really claim ownership of anything because God lends them to us, not to keep, but to use all things for our needs and the needs of others. In The Book of Genesis, Chapters one and two, we see that God created everything to be shared with all things. God created everything so there would be a symbiotic relationship with all things. Man and Woman were intended to care for all things and the things they cared for were intended to care for them.

However, history has shown that we have misused the reason and intellect God gave us to abuse this privilege to take more than we needed, to hoard and plunder the earth and each other, rather than sharing with our fellow human beings and the rest of creation. That includes the theft of many things from the earth itself, which we don't normally think about, such as, gold, silver and other precious minerals, diamonds, oil, whales and animals of all sorts that we killed for their oil, bone, fur, and other things that we did not really need.

We have hunted some of these animals to the brink of extinction, such as elephants and whales. Others became trophies, which were hung on the walls of our homes. This was because of our pride because we did what we wanted with the things we claimed as our own, because we could. Trophies on our walls became evidence of our pride. The oil, fur, bone, gold, silver, diamonds we took out of greed. All humanity has sinned against God in many ways.

Man has destroyed the balance of nature because of his pride, and greed, and all the other deadly sins. The cure for many of these things can be found in the Franciscan concept of universal kinship, which recognizes that all things created are our sisters and brothers and that no one creature can exist without the other. We need things and things need us – that is the relationship we are supposed to have, rather than some heretical imbalance in opposition to what God intended.

Let us also remember that all human beings are God's creatures and our brothers and sisters. We are responsible for caring for them just as we are responsible for caring for the trees, rock, earth and sea. When we kill and hurt each other over oil, land, or wealth, we commit the sin of greed; a deadly sin that causes others to sin, leads to other more serious sins, and creates wounds, which rarely seems to heal. These things only perpetuate more death and destruction. So, please pray for peace.

Article Eighteen calls for an awareness of all these things in our lives and to remember that for us, poverty is not becoming so obsessed with things that we are no longer able to distinguish between want and need. The role of Poverty is that it restores the perfection, the balance, the harmony established when God created all things. It also fulfills the will of the Creator and obeys the command from our Lord to be "perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

May God bless you and give you his peace.

Pax et Bonum,  
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**Fraternity Focus:**

**November Program:**

8:30 Morning Mass

9:15 Social Period

9:30 Opening prayer and Liturgy of the Hours

10:00 Ongoing Formation – Watch the second talk from the Formation retreat and discussion afterward.

11:30 Current and Future activities and events coordination and support

Primary Gathering Topics:

- Christ House
- Franciscan Spirituality

## **Future Events:**

### **Christ House Apostolate:**

Our next Apostolate to Christ House this year will be on November 18th, from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. More information will be provided at the November Gathering. Future events of this type will occur in November. Christ House is located at 131 S. West Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

### **Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group:**

Meets at 2:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month. Now in person at Blessed Sacrament Church, virtual, please call or email Elaine Drapeau at 571-215-6410, [edrrapeau3@gmail.com](mailto:edrrapeau3@gmail.com)

### **Weekly Online Prayer Time Group:**

Meets online on Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:00 PM to pray for all those who need our prayers. Please contact Rita at [ritaandscott@hotmail.com](mailto:ritaandscott@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **Pro-Life Information and Events:**

Please contact our Pro-Life Counselor, Geneva Park at [jim.geneva@cox.com](mailto:jim.geneva@cox.com) for more information.

## **Bulletin Board**

### **Our Family:**

Recalling the words of St. Francis regarding the sick:

*I beg all my sick brothers that they do not become angry in their infirmities or disturbed either against God or against their brothers....*

*Let them give thanks in all things so that they may desire to be as God wants them to be.*

### **And Let Us Pray:**

#### **For the Healing of:**

Lorraine Lee; Camilla; Karen Riedl; Stephen and Karen Connair; Ben and Sarah Lewis;

Claudia's sister, Pamela Voetberg, Laine Ritter; Michelle Tringhese; Scott Beard; Fr. Mike Hann; Patricia Lutz Moran; Peggy Gregory; Barbara Clinscales; Nick Pak; John Schup; Gavin Fortson; Stevie Rinaldi; Francis Piscitelli; Somali Karimi; Sarine Kik; Barbara and Shirley; Mark Bowl; Jan Parker; Shannon & Claire; Ray Engelking; Joe Messina; Fred West III and family; Angela Carroll; Steve Hazel; Vince Cornell and his family; Shirley Kalich; Joe Mainey and his family; Theresa Matava; In Suk and Steve Mullins; Elaine Drapeau; Olivia and Kate Horter; Scott Graham and his family; Richie, Audrey, and Abbey; Nicole and Sam Hosterman; Irene Theriault's nephew – Cole; Liz Chase; Patty Frease; Rees Evans; Peg Crews; Stephen Shields; John and Un Cha Antal; Stephen and Donna Piscitelli; Jan Floom; John and Sara Dina; Mike Lee; Anne Marie Pierce; Assefa Baraki; Mary Pat with lung cancer; Anna Therese for healing of seizures, Isabella Mitura with cancer; Elaine and Lickey Burich; Sandra and Bob Lapinski; Tracy Willard; Judy Heard; Anne Marie Hohman; Ok Young Brem; Sadie Martins; Scott Graham; Bob Miller; Cindi Murphy; Ted Larsen; Marilyn McGarrity and for all our families and friends who need God's healing. May God have mercy on all the sick and injured, especially those who are dying.

### **In gratitude for God's healing and gifts:**

Much like the ten lepers cured by Jesus in Luke 17: 11-18, we spend most of our time praying for our own and other's needs, and less time giving thanks to God for all he does for us. Let us be like the leper who returned to Jesus, praising God for all He has done.

We give thanks to God for all he has done for us and our families, especially for the healing of Michelle Beaudry Voetberg, Lorraine, Luna Violet, the four year

anniversary of Stephen Connair's successful transplant, for Sadie Martin's healing and recovery, for Scott Graham's successful operation, for God sending Margie and everyone else to our Fraternity, for the life of our Fraternity, our faith and prayer life, for the appreciation for the life you have given us, and the joy of the eternal life which will come to all of us when our race is finished, for all those God sends our way who enlighten us and raise us to greater heights, even if only for a short time, for all the good things we see average people do, and for all the immeasurable things God does for us, which we cannot hope to count or keep track of.

For all those who are discerning their vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order:

Ryan and Ashley Wilson, Kathleen, Barbara, Connor, Tejas, Carlos, Craig, Tom, Chris, Andy, Michael, Mark, Magdalena, and Janice. May the Holy Spirit guide them where they should be and may He continue to call new members to our fraternity.

For the Repose of the Souls who have preceded us into eternal life:

Cathy Williams, OFS; Br. John-Sebastian Laird-Hammond, OFM; Br. Ed Coughlin; Peg McGrath Ward; Lorre Bracey; David Robertson; Ramon Carag; Michael Feldman; George Webb; Alfie Evans; Joan Hartley; Donald Wagner; Naed Smith; Judy Ryerse; William Martin; Susan Encroft; Vicki Santora; Carlin; Jeanie McLees; Fr. Lester Bach; Bolton Gregory; Joseph Gregory; Samphon Chea; Sovanny Saray, OFS; Ellen DeKava; Art Scarano, OFS; Suzie Kermic; Laura Cornell; Doris; Mark Martin; Annie Lapinski; Tim Gray; Fata Hand; Rob Brem; Dotti Tamai; Wilma Connair; Sarah Turner; Father Joe Lehman; Marv Floom, Mary Liepold, Pope Benedict XVI, Father Jerome Daley; Mary Lou Coffman; Tony Gray, Lee

Murphy, Cheryl Harper, Arthur Pulket, James Hardy, and all the Souls in Purgatory.

Special Intentions:

For our Holy Father and all the leaders of the Church that they may faithfully adhere to Christ's teachings.

For religious vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman, and for religious freedom.

For vocations to our own Fraternity, that the Holy Spirit might inspire people to seek a closer communion with Christ and his Church through the way of Saint Francis and Saint Clare.

For the sanctity of all our priests, religious, and lay people.

For those being persecuted throughout the world for their faith.

For our veterans, military, doctors, nurses, medical professionals and first responders.

For all those suffering from the Corona Virus, that God may heal them and give them peace.

For all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that their sadness might be turned into joy.

For all those struggling with addictions.

For all victims of sex abuse worldwide especially victims within the Church.

For an end to abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and assisted suicide in this country and throughout the world.

For peace in the world, peace in our families, and peace in our hearts.

For peace in Ukraine and Europe and an end to Russian and Chinese aggression.

For peace in Israel and throughout the Middle East.

For all those affected by natural disasters and forest fires, and for all those providing disaster relief and their families.

For our leaders, that the Holy Spirit guide them to make morally faithful decisions.

For all our political candidates and leaders, that they would protect and respect the dignity of each person, by protecting the right to life, from conception to natural death.

For our Nation as it goes through these turbulent times, and that it might not lose its way.

For our Fraternity members and their families, and for all our intentions held close to our hearts.

### **Our Fraternity:**

Profession Anniversaries: Congratulations this month to:

Karen Connair - November 7, 1982  
Karen Riedl – November 8, 2003  
Fr. Terrence Staples – November 9, 2002  
Sadie Martins – November 9, 2002  
Geneva Park - November 9, 2002  
Elly Escobal – November 12, 1989  
Ying White - November 13, 2004

Fraternity Birthdays:

Br. Tony LoGalbo, OFM – November 3rd

In Memoriam: May the souls of all our dear sisters and brothers, especially

Fr. Charles Ferry – November 13, 1993  
Elsie Slinglund - November 21, 1973  
Victoria de Sanchez – November 22, 1992  
John J. Flynn – November 25, 1969  
May God grant them His rest and His peace.

### **Franciscan Saints, Blessed & Holy Ones** **(for all 3 branches of the Order)**

### **November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed (All Souls Day) – Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites an Our Father and either the Apostles or Nicene Creed.
3. Bl. Helene Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231
4. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. Bl. Marguerite de Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521
7. Bl. Raynier d'Arezzo, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304
8. Bl. Jean Duns Scot, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308
9. Bl. Gabriel Ferritti, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
10. Bl. Louis Guanella, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
11. Bl. Marie-Cruciffee, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1745
12. Bl. Jean de la Paix, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1340

13. St. Didace d'Alcala, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463
14. St. Nicolas Tavelic and Companions, Martyrs, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1253
17. Bl. Jeanne de Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307
18. Bl. Salomee de Cracovie, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268
19. St. Elizabeth of Hungry, Virgin Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular, Plenary Indulgence (renewal of Tertiary engagement), d. 1231
20. Bl. Migagros Ortells, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1895
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski, lay brother, Conventual religious, martyr 1942
25. Bl. Gumble de Bisignano, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637
26. St. Leonard de Port-Maurice, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751
27. St. Francois-Antoine Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742
28. St. Jacques de la Marche, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order

30. Bl. Antoine Bonfandini, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482



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