



# The Franciscan Sun- Herald

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

**Gathering Place:**  
Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church & Lyceum  
313 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA  
**Gathering Date:** October 14, 2023, at the Lyceum.



**The Rule of the OFS:**

**Article 17**

*In their family they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace fidelity, and respect for life, striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ.*

*By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness to the world to the love of Christ for his Church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their journey by providing a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child.*

**Minister's Corner:**

Brothers and Sisters in Saints Francis and Clare,

This month, we celebrate the Transitus and St. Francis commitment to God in all things, even death. In a way this is a great unifying event, because it is something we all experience in other persons and finally when God calls each of us home. It is the ultimate expression of our belief that God

has a plan for all of us and that all things happen for a purpose. The belief that we are trying to fulfill God's will in the way we live and that death is just a part of life. So, I encourage everyone to participate in the Transitus if you are able.

God Bless you and your families.

Pax et Bonum.  
Tom White, OFS

**September 2023:**  
**Article Seventeen of the Rule of Life**

Article Seventeen of the Rule of Life Franciscan addresses life in a Franciscan family. Most of the time, this is explained in relation to our human family, which consists of a father, mother, and children. In this case the family is the most basic part of the Church and is sometimes called the domestic Church, which draws its name from the Latin word for home, which is domus. So, this is the Church present in the home, which is a part of the larger Church of Christ.

The family reflects the Church itself, in which the family cares for, teaches, and loves all the members of the family just as the Church does for the whole human family. The family is also a reflection of the relationship between God and his children.

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For Franciscans, this model is also seen in community and in our Fraternities, which takes its name from the Latin word for Brothers – Frater (and of course this applies to Sisters as well!). Fraternities and Communities are to care for each other as though we are members of a family.

This also applies to our secular life as well. We are to treat all persons as though they are part of God's family, made in his image and likeness.

May God bless you and give you his peace.

Pax et Bonum,  
Tom White, OFS

### **Fraternity Focus:**

#### **October Program:**

8:30 Morning Mass

9:15 Social Period

9:30 Opening prayer and Liturgy of the Hours

10:00 Ongoing Formation – Watch the first 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 October 21st, from 3:00 to 5:30 pm. More information will be provided at the October 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, [edrapeau3@gmail.com](mailto:edrapeau3@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.

Transitus at 7:00 pm in various locations in our area including:

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, 1400 Quincy Street N.E. | Washington, DC 20017

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, 18825 Fuller Heights Rd, Triangle, VA · (703) 221-4044

#### **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, Danielle Matava's recovery, the birth of Mackenzie Katherine Jenkins, 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 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:

Rita Evans - October 9, 1999

Ruth Higgins - October 9, 1999

Becky Hsu - October 9, 1999

Fraternity Birthdays:

Becky Hsu - October 13th

Ying White - October 13th

Reyna Monogue - October 31st

In Memoriam:

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

Jean Dodd - October 19, 2002  
May God grant them His rest and His peace.

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

**October – Month of the Holy Rosary and  
the Holy Angels**

1. Bl. Nicolas de Forca, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1449
2. Bl. Antoine Chevrier, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1879
3. St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Patron of France; St. Marie-Joseph Tossello, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1880
4. Solemnity of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, d. 1226, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
5. Commemoration of the establishment of the 3 Orders
6. St. Marie-Francoise des Cinq Plaies, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular
7. Feast of the Holy Rosary
8. St. Brigitte de Suede, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1373
9. Bl. Marie-Angele Truszkowska, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1899
10. St. Francois Borgia, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1572; and St. Daniel and Companions, Religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyrs, d. 1227
11. Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady or St. John XXIII
12. St. Seraphine de Montegrano, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1604
13. Bl. Pacifique de Valence, lay brother, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
14. St. Jean de Dukla, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1936

15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. Bl. Anicet de Dbrzno, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1941
17. Bl. Balthazar de Chiavari, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1490
18. Bl. Jacques de Strepa, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1409 or St. Luke the Evangelist
19. St. Pierre de Alcantara, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1512
20. Bl. Contardo Ferrini, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1902
21. Bl. Martyrs of Polonais, d. 1941-42
22. Bl. Jean-Baptiste Bullaker, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1642
23. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1870
24. Bl. Josephine Leroux, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, martyr 1794
25. Bl. Maria Veronica Masia Ferragut, Bl. Maria Felicidad Masia Ferragut, and Bl. Jesus Masia Ferragut, Virgins, Capuchin religious, Martyrs 1936
26. Bl. Martyrs of the War of Spain, 1936-37
27. Bl. Bonaventure de Potenza, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1711
28. Bl. Anne-Eugenie Picco, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1921 or Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles.
29. Bl. Thomas de Florence, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1447
30. Bl. Ange d'Acre, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1739
31. Bl. Christophe de Cahors, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1272



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