



# The Franciscan Sun- Herald

St. John the Beloved Apostle Fraternity  
Third Order of Saint Francis - Secular  
January 2024

**Gathering Place:**  
Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church & Lyceum  
313 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA  
**Gathering Date:** January 13, 2024, at the Lyceum.



**The Rule of the OFS:**

**Article 20**

*The Secular Franciscan Order is divided into fraternities of various levels – local, regional, national, and international. Each one has its own moral personality in the Church. These various fraternities are coordinated and united according to the norm of this rule and the constitutions.*

Stephen Kings presentation. We also will consider Article 20 of the Rule of Life in our Newsletter this month, which is about hierarchy and the relationship between the various levels of fraternity in our Order. This is especially important when discussing Franciscan Spirituality and our upcoming fraternal elections. I hope to see you all at this month’s fraternity gathering.

May God Bless you and your families.

Pax et Bonum.  
Tom White, OFS

**Minister’s Corner:**

Brothers and Sisters in Saints Francis and Clare,

Welcome to a new year and new beginnings! There are a lot of things happening this year. We have two days of or reflection available in February and we have a plenary indulgence available to everyone through February 3rd. In April we will also have our fraternity elections, so please consider a position on our council. That may seem a long way off, but really only three months away. This month we also return to the study of Franciscan Spirituality with Fr.

**January 2023:**

**Article Twenty of the Rule of Life**

Article Twenty of the Rule of Life describes the hierarchy of the Secular Franciscan Order. At first glance, this hierarchy might appear to be administrative in nature and overly bureaucratic, but this hierarchy is the link to each Franciscan and fraternity at every level and to the Church. In many ways it reflects and is a part of the four marks of the Church (One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic). Each level of the order are governed by the Rule and the Constitution, which are approved by the Pope. This common governance ensures that all parts of the order, every level are united

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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.

**Pro-Life Rosary:**

There is a Pro-Life gathering of people to testify to life every Saturday morning from 8:00 -12:00 outside the new abortion Clinic location at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA. They pray the Rosary at 10:00. Please come and support this worthy cause, even if only for a few minutes. Every minute counts. The Knights of Columbus provide coffee and donuts.

**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, Kathleen, Barbara, Connor, Tejas, Carlos, Craig, Tom, Chris, Andy, Michael, Mark, Magdalena, Janice, Darcie, and Felix. 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 COVID-19, 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:**

Pat McGrath – January 12, 2013

**Fraternity Birthdays:**

Stephen Piscitelli – January 11th

Patrick White – January 21st

Geneva Park – January 26th

Ruth Higgins – January 26th

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

Gladys Grimm – January 8, 1976

Chester Morneau – January 30, 1997,  
rest in God's Peace.

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

**January—Month of the Holy Name of  
Jesus and His Holy Childhood**

1. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God;  
Plenary Indulgence possible (Chant in public  
Veni Creator)

3. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, and Bl.  
Chriatiane Menaburi, Virgin, Franciscan  
Third Order Secular, d. 1310

4. St Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Bl. Angele  
de Foligno, widow, Franciscan Third Order  
Secular, d. 1310

5. Bl. Pierre Bonilli, priest, Franciscan Third  
Order Secular, d. 1935

6. Solemnity of the Epiphany—Holy Day of  
Obligation

7. St. Charles de Sezza, lay brother, religious  
of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1670

8. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and Bl.  
Roger de Toddi, priest, religious of the  
Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1237

9. Bl. Gilles de Lorenzana, religious of the  
Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1518

10. Bl. Gregory X, Pope, Franciscan Third  
Order Secular, d. 1276

11. St. Thomas de Cori, priest, religious of  
the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1729

12. St. Bernard of Corleone, lay brother,  
Capuchin religious, d. 1667

14. Bl. Oderic de Pordenone, priest,  
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d.  
1331

15. Bl. Jacques del Piebe, priest, Franciscan  
Third Order Secular, martyr d. 1304

16. Sts. Berard and Companions,  
Protomartyrs of the Order, d. 1220

17. Sl. Matthieu d'Argrigente, Bishop,  
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d.  
1451

18. Bl. Jeanne of Saint Mary, virgin,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1360

19. Bl. Marcel Spinola y Maestre, Bishop,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1906

20. Bl. Jean-Baptiste Triquerie, priest,  
conventual religious, martyr d. 1794

21. Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni, priest,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922

22. St. Vincent Pallotti, priest, Franciscan  
Third Order Secular, d. 1850

23. Feast of the Marriage of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

24. Bl. Paule Gamgara Costa, widow,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1515
25. Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and  
Bl. Emmanuel Dominguo y Sol, priest,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1909
26. Bl. Georges Matulwicz, Bishop,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1927
27. St. Angela Merici, virgin, had been a  
tertiary before founding or joining another  
religious Institute, d. 1540
28. Bl. Bienvenu de Recanati, priest,  
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d.  
1289
29. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of  
the Church, Cordbearer, d. 1622
30. St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti, virgin,  
religious of the Third-Order Regular [living  
in community, under a Rule], d. 1640
31. St. John Bosco, priest, had been a  
tertiary before founding or joining another  
religious Institute, d. 1888



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