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## Schedule

### **NOTE REVISED TIMES**

- 9:15am Council meeting – Sacred Heart Room
- 10:15am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 10:30am Candidate Session (2018&2019) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
- 12:00pm Mass in Monastery church
- 1:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.
- 1:30pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- The Rule – Articles 1-3
- Short Teaching – The National Commissions
- Questions from those in formation (time permitting)
- Treasurer annual report and budget
- Closing prayer. We will pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin for Sunday.

### ***DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!***

Reminder: If you are unable to attend the fraternity meetings for more than one month, please notify one of the Council members. The criteria for Active-excused and Lapsed member status is explained in the Fraternity guidelines. Thank you.

## ◆ Theme: **OUR HISTORY AND PURPOSE** ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (Rom 8:28-29)



### Prayer of the Month

Lord Jesus, you formed me in the womb, and before I was born you had a purpose for me. Lead me in Your way, that I may come to know Your purpose for me, understand it, and embrace it with my entire being. May all I do be for Your glory, Lord, You who alone are the source of all good.



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### **ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

#### **26. On the virtue of fleeing vice <sup>1</sup>**

Where there is charity and wisdom, there (is) neither fear nor ignorance. Where there is patience and humility, there (is) neither wrath nor disturbance. Where there is poverty with gladness, there (is) neither cupidity nor avarice. Where there is quiet and meditation, there (is) neither solicitousness nor wandering about. Where there is fear of the Lord to guard the entrance hall (cf. *Lk 11:21*), there the enemy can have no place to enter. Where there is mercy and discretion, there (is) neither superfluity nor hardness.

<sup>1</sup> *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2017, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



### **The Rule**

Chapter One, Articles 1,2&3 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

1. The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God – laity, religious, and priests – who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.

2. The Secular Franciscan Order holds a special place in this family circle. It is an organic union of all Catholic fraternities scattered throughout the world and open to every group of the faithful. In these fraternities the brothers and sisters, led by the Spirit, strive for perfect charity in their own secular state. By their profession they pledge themselves to live the gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this rule approved by the Church.



3. The present rule, succeeding *Memoriale Propositi* (1221) and the rules approved by the Supreme Pontiffs Nicholas IV and Leo XIII, adapts the Secular Franciscan Order to the needs and expectations of the Holy Church in the conditions of changing times. Its interpretation belongs to the Holy See and its application will be made by the General Constitutions and particular statutes.

### **Annual Reports**

Copies of the Annual Treasurer's Report will be available at the meeting. Copies of the Annual Fraternity Report are available upon request. Contact Larry at 301-474-1338 (or [minister@dcsfo.org](mailto:minister@dcsfo.org)) for a paper or email copy.

## The Information Corner

### **Feb 6th** – Feastday of Saint Peter Baptist<sup>2</sup>

Born in Spain in 1545, Pedro joined the Franciscans in 1567. He was a missionary to the Phillipines in 1583 and later to Japan. In 1593 during negotiations between the Emperor of Japan and the Governor of the Philippine Islands, the latter sent Peter Baptist and several other Franciscans as his ambassadors to Japan. They were well received and were able to establish convents, schools, and hospitals, and converted many. On 20 Oct 1596, a Spanish vessel of war, the “San Felipe”, was stranded on the isle of Tosa, and it became, according to Japanese custom, the property of the emperor. The captain foolishly boasted that the missionaries had been sent to prepare for the conquest of the country. The emperor became furious, and on 9 Dec 1596, ordered the missionaries imprisoned. On 5 Feb 1597, six Franciscan friars, among them Peter Baptist, three Japanese Jesuits and seventeen native Franciscan Tertiaries were crucified. They were beatified 14 Sep 1627, by Urban VIII, and canonized 8 Jun 1862, by Pius IX.

### The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“The secret to navigating life well is to invite Jesus on board. The helm of life should be given to Him, so that He can direct the route.”<sup>3</sup>

### Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – **Human Trafficking**. For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Heckmann, F. (1911). Sts. Peter Baptist and Twenty-Five Companions. *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. Accessed Feb 6, 2019 from New Advent, URL

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11755b.htm>

<sup>3</sup> Jan 30, 2019, <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

<sup>4</sup> Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Jan 30, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

## A Stitch in Chimes

This month we start a new feature, A Stitch in Chimes, a look back at what our fraternity did 20 years ago.

In January and February of 1999 the fraternity discussed ways to prepare for the Jubilee Year 2000, Fr. Kevin concluded a series of presentations on Franciscan Spirituality, Andrew Przybilski (d.) transferred into our fraternity, Mary Anne Corr led a discussion on ways to prepare for Lent, we reported proudly that Donna Wilkes was honored at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor’s Committee on Persons with Disabilities Awards Ceremony, and fraternity member John Mitton passed.



### March Birthdays

March 3 – Mary Gigliotti; 4 – Francis Kane; 5 – Vilma Camposano; 9 – Patricia Allnutt; 11 – Ling Guiron, Fritz Nicolas; 13 – Amy Bilyeau; 16 – John Whipple; 24 – Kady Konan; 25 – Mary Anne Corr; and 30 – Rita Aughenbaugh.

### Fair Share – What Is It?

Article 25 of the Rule asks us to “contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils.” The St. Margaret of Cortona Regional



Fraternity’s suggested Fair Share donation is \$30 per active member (\$20 for active-excused). If you have not already done so, please include an additional contribution in this month’s envelope, and write “Fair Share” on the envelope or check.

► This special donation does not go towards the operation of our fraternity; your regular, separate monthly donation does this. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

**Change in April Meeting**

Since the third Sunday of April is Easter, the April fraternity meeting will be held on the following (fourth) Sunday, April 28.

**Pray For Our Deceased Sarah Faizi's** mother, **Hilda Faizi**, who died on Feb 6, 2019, at the age of 93. A memorial service will be held later. May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members and their families, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

**Please Pray For Our Members**

Fr. Kevin Treston, OFM; Donna Wilkes and her family, especially her father, Roland Wilkes; Joe Gigliotti; Jean Xavier Fleurival; Rosemary Bordley and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her family; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi, her mother Hilda(d.), and her friend Ron Harner; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her husband Jim; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; and John and Dineen Whipple.



**Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

March 2 – Bl. Agnes of Prague, virgin, II Order; 3 – Bls. Liberatus Weiss, Samuele Marzorati and Michele Pio Fasoli, priests and martyrs, I Order; 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross, priest, I Order; 9 – St. Frances of Rome, religious, III Order; 12 – Bl. Angela Salawa, virgin, III Order; 18 – St. Salvator of Horta, religious I Order; 20 – Bl. John of Parma, priest, I Order; 22 – St. Benvenute of Osimo, priest, I Order; 23 – St. Catherine of Genoa, III Order; 24 – Bl. Ludovico of Casoria, priest, I Order; 30 – St. Peter Regaldo, priest, I Order.



**February Reflection**

*By Larry Bleau, OFS*

We all have a history, a beginning, our roots, and on occasion we return to them to seek a better awareness of who we are, where we have been and are going, and our purpose in life. So too it is with the Secular Franciscan Order. Last fall we watched a video “40 Years of the Rule”, which helped all of us better appreciate our current Rule.

The first three articles of our Rule (see p2) speak to our history, our purpose, and our place within the family of the Church. They may seem dry, but no more so than a certificate that lists one’s date of birth and one’s parents, yet it is such a document that connects us in an concrete manner to our family and our roots.

Before this month’s meeting, take a half hour or so to contemplate prayerfully the meanings contained in these articles. They are not buried or hidden, but are written in plain sight, deliberately placed there for us. If you feel moved to do so, also read the corresponding articles of the General Constitutions. Bring these insights with you to the meeting, where we will share them and thus strengthen each other in our commitment to live the Rule and be witnesses for Christ.