

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity

THEME FOR THE YEAR—BE HOLY



BE SOLICITOUS TO MAKE YOUR ELECTIONS PERMANENT

Our Fraternity Council 2016 – 2019



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Hello everyone,

This month, due to Easter Sunday falling on our usual gathering day, we will meet on April 28 instead. The 28th is also Divine Mercy Sunday and the Shrine will have several related events. There will be a Divine Mercy Healing Mass with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12 noon. Exposition will follow from 1-3. Confessions will be heard from 1-2:30. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy begins at 3 followed by Benediction.

In order to conduct our gathering as well to participate in the day's events as much as possible, we will alter our routine a bit. Those wishing to have lunch at 1 in the dining room can still do so; however, in order to allow enough time for our brother, Ray Glennon, to deliver his much-awaited talk on Henri Nouwen, we will begin a very brief business meeting in the conference room promptly at1:30 followed by Ray's talk. This will allow us to attend the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 in the chapel. This leaves only a brief 1/2-hour window from1-1:30 for anyone to participate in Exposition or Confession if they so desire.

Next month our triennial elections will be held. All council positions are open: Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, Formation Director, and Councilor-at-Large. The duties of the Council as well as the duties of the individual positions can be found on the fraternity website. Once on the site, scroll down to the May 19th election for council section. Please continue to prayerfully discern whether you are being called to serve.

Pax et Bonum,

Ed



Please Pray For ...

Connie Baker, OFS

Marie Lindung, OFS

Georgianna Papazian, OFS

Jim Tebo, OFS

April 28, 2019 Evening Prayer Divine Mercy Chaplet





May Elections

Duties of elected offices can be found by clicking on the picture below





Calendar

AT THE FRIARY

Chapel Open Daily Noon Mass every day From 9 AM – 5 PM

For more information 410 531-2800

FRANCISCAN CENTER GIVING

Don't forget to bring your donated items to this month's gathering. Please pick from below:

Hand sanitizer Soap

Toothbrushes Toothpaste

Shampoo & conditioner Washcloths

Feminine hygiene products

Deodorant

Your donations are tax deductible.

Disposable razors



Remembering Your Profession
Ray Heverling, OFS 14 years 04/10/05



<u>Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home).</u>

VI. WEAK RESPONSES (Paragraph 57)

"It is foreseeable that, once certain resources have been depleted, the scene will be set for new wars, albeit under the guise of noble claims. War always does grave harm to the environment and to the cultural riches of peoples, risks which are magnified when one considers nuclear arms and biological weapons. "Despite the international agreements which prohibit chemical, bacteriological and biological warfare, the fact is that laboratory research continues to develop new offensive weapons capable of altering the balance of nature". Politics must pay greater attention to foreseeing new conflicts and addressing the causes which can lead to them. But powerful financial interests prove most resistant to this effort, and political planning tends to lack breadth of vision. What would induce anyone, at this stage, to hold on to power only to be remembered for their inability to take action when it was urgent and necessary to do so?"

~ Pope Francis



OUR DECEASED SISTERS AND BROTHERS

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 Donna Duncan, SFO 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 Jim Manning, OFS Yvonne Proch, SFO Nancy Seaton, SFO Don Sweitzer, OFS Betty Taylor, SFO Bud Tenley, SFO Regina Yeager, SFO Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

April Birthday's



Kathy Ford, OFS 04/06 Geri Flynn, OFS 04/26 Julianna Kim, OFS 04/28

Happy Birthday



March - 2019

Beginning Balance: \$ 2,692.40

Common Fund 460.74

Total \$ 3,153.14

Expenses:

Br. Lawrence 100.00

Franciscan Friars 100.00

Web Fee

15.00

Total \$ 215.00

Ending Balance: **\$ 2,938.14**

Thank you for your monthly contributions

Contributions are tax deductible



Food for Thought WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE LINEN BURIAL CLOTH AFTER HIS RESURRECTION?

The Gospel of John (20:7) in part tells us "the cloth that had been over his head; was not with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself." The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the cloth was folded and was placed at the head.

"Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!'

"Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

"Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side." Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded cloth, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded cloth can be viewed as an allusion to the traditions observed by master and servants at dinners.

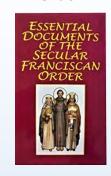
When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating. The servant would not dare touch that table until the master was finished.

Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, and his mouth, clean his beard, and wad up the napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. In those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done'.

But if the master got up from the table and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because... the folded napkin meant:

I'M COMING BACK!

General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order



December 8, 2000 The Form of Life Article 15

3. Secular Franciscans should pledge themselves to reduce their own personal needs so as to be better able to share spiritual and material goods with their brothers and sisters. especially those most in need. They should give thanks to God for the goods they have received, using them as good stewards and not as owners.

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Consider a position on the fraternity council

May 19, 2019

Our fraternity will be holding elections for

2019 - 2022

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Word Became Flesh: Our Call & Guide to Evangelization by Deanna Williston, OFS

"In the beginning was the Word;" (John 1:1) this poetic introduction to the story of the Incarnation (John 1:1-18) both calls Christians to mission and shows how to evangelize. The Evangelist tells about the mystery of the Trinity, Creation, and how John the Baptist was sent to testify of Jesus coming to the world. The prologue continues with Jesus' human life and how all who believed in Jesus were born again as children of God and received many graces. John the Evangelist further assures that no one has seen God the Father, but Christ has made him known (John 1:1-18). Just as John the Baptist bore witness to Christ and Christ bore witness to the Father, the writings of John the Evangelist are still bearing witness and inspiring mankind.

When writing the book, *Good News*, *Bad News*, Russell Shaw wrote to his co-author, "Your theory of evangelizations is excellent...but theory isn't enough. We need case histories, personal examples, the human dimension." Humans respond to personal stories. St Paul Street Evangelization explains how ordinary Catholics "are not to be argumentative or combative, but should certainly defend and explain the truths of the Catholic faith and challenge their listeners in a spirit of sincerity and compassion." John took the time to write this shorter prologue (John 1:1-18) that could be used to introduce/reinforce/summarize the faith and then went on with the detailed story of his time with Jesus. This is such a great model for evangelization! Tell of the Good News and then give one's personal testimony.

The Holy Bible: Revised Standard Version Second Catholic Edition (San Francisco: Ignatius, 2006).

C. John McCloskey, III, and Russell Shaw, *Good News, Bad News: Evangelization, Conversion and the Crisis of Faith* (San Francisco: Ignatius, 2007), 21.

St Paul Street Evangelization, Resource Training Guide 2017 (Bloomington, Indiana:

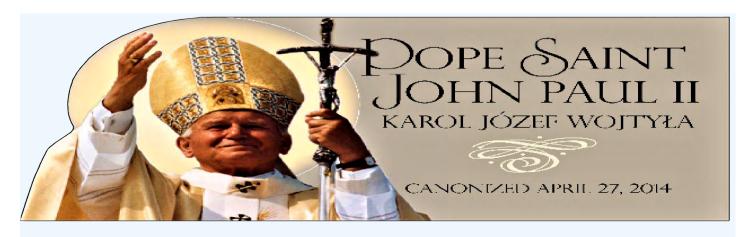
St Paul Street Evangelization, 2017), 8.

Brown and Moloney, "John, Gospel According to," 906-909.

better SHARED

Book Sharing

Our book share group has decided to break until Fall when we will begin a new book (to be determined) and all are encouraged to come. \sim Geri Flynn, OFS



"BE COURAGEOUS WITNESSES TO CHRISTIAN AND FRANCISCAN LIFE" - Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II's message to the worldwide Secular Franciscan Order

VATICAN CITY, NOV 22, 2002 (VIS)

The Church awaits the Order's "great service to the cause of the Kingdom in today's world" and she desires your Order to be a model of an organic whole and of structural and charismatic union at all levels."

"Your renewed legislation, gives you optimum instruments to realize and fully express the unity of your Order and the communion with the Franciscan family" as well as your mission to be "courageous and coherent witnesses of Christian and Franciscan life."

"You are called, to offer your own contribution, inspired by the person and message of St. Francis of Assisi, to hasten the advent of a civilization in which the dignity of the human person, co-responsibility and love are living realities. You must study deeply the true foundations of universal brotherhood and create everywhere a spirit of welcome and an atmosphere of fellowship. Commit yourselves strongly to fighting every form of exploitation, discrimination and marginalization and every attitude of indifference towards others."

Consider your family as the priority place in which to live your Christian commitment and Franciscan vocation," doing so through prayer, Christian catechesis, promoting respect for every life from conception to natural death and "offering a convincing example of the possibility of marriage lived in a way that fully conforms to God's plan."

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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