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There will not be any meeting this month due to Father's Day. Formation classes will still be held; Candidates should contact their instructor about alternate arrangements. The July Fraternity meeting will be held on its normal date and schedule.



◆ Theme: BEARERS OF PEACE ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.” (*Jn 16:33*)

Prayer of the Month

May whoever observes all this be filled in heaven with the blessing of the most high Father, and on earth with that of his beloved Son, together with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. (Blessing of St. Francis, 1226)

ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

13. On Patience¹

“Blessed (are) the peacemakers, since they shall be called sons of God” (Mt 5:9). The servant of God cannot know how much patience and humility he has in himself, while he is satisfied. However when the time has come, that those who ought to satisfy him, do the contrary to him, as much patience and humility (is) there, that much he has and not more.

¹ *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 Two, Article 19 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, in part:

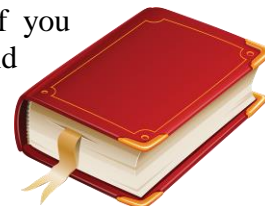
Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.



Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others.

Reminder: Museum Visit

We will visit the Museum of the Bible on Sat., Jun 15, at 9:30am. Meet inside the museum in front of the gift shop. If you have not already paid and want to go, contact Michele before Thu, Jun 13 (202-412-1210).



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A Stitch in Chimes

Here's a look at our fraternity 20 years ago:

In June of 1999 the fraternity discussed Article 7 of our Rule; we held a welcoming ceremony for Ernest Smith (d. 2010) and Vicky Spalding; Fr. Kevin Treston, OFM, presented a talk titled "Franciscan Devotion to the Sacred Heart"; Roy Foster (d) wrote a letter to members; and Mary Anne Corr's mother, Katherine Bogley, and Fred Dense's (d. 2006) wife, Jacqueline Dense, passed.



Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$857 in donations and disbursed \$89.28 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



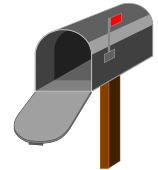
"May you be witnesses of freedom and mercy, allowing fraternity and dialogue to prevail over divisions" "The Ascension of our Lord into Heaven inaugurates a new form of the presence of Jesus amongst us, and asks us to have the eyes and the heart to encounter Him, serve Him, and be His witness to others." ²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – The Mode of Life of Priests. That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor. ³

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Sheila Kelly** has moved to Riderwood Assisted Living; her new address is 3118 Gracefield Road #403, Silver Spring, MD 20904.
- **Mary DeShazo** moved to 4025 Pulitzer Pl. #337, San Diego, CA 92122.
- **Donna Wilkes** thanks members for their prayers for her father, who is now cancer free.



July Birthdays

July 8 – Brenda Nutt; 16 – Justina Essiet; 19 – Robert Lantz; 22 – Sarah Faizi; 24 – John Monti; 26 – George Ramsey; and 27 – Nancy McCleary.



² Jun 2 and 3, 2019. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Jun 4, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Jun 2 – Feast of **St. Felix of Nicosia**, OFM Cap.⁴



Giacomo Amoroso was born on November 5, 1715, and followed the trade of his father, a shoemaker. As a lad, he held the greatest horror of any sin at all. At his work, he distinguished himself by great modesty, docility, industry, and patience. When his

parents died, he applied at the Capuchin convent for admission. Although he was refused, he persevered, prayed, waited, and renewed his plea again and again. Finally, after eight years, at age 27, he gained admission. On October 19, 1743, at Mistretta, he was invested with the habit and the name Felix after the first saint of the Order.

Upon his profession, a year later, he was recalled to Nicosia to assist the questing brother in his mendicant rounds. Like his Seraphic Father, St. Francis, Felix was very austere on himself in private but publicly his love of God was expressed itself in charity towards his neighbor. Like Francis, he had a great love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

He was endowed with the gift of healing temporal and spiritual diseases and he delighted in tending the sick. He could also bi-locate in the same way as Padre Pio. Called to aid the sick when a malignant epidemic was decimating Cerami in March 1777, he responded eagerly. Airlessly and indefatigably, he went about ministering to the sick, and his labors were crowned with abundant success. “So be it for the Love of God,” were the words with which he accompanied his miracles of healing, and for the love of God he may be said to have lived his whole life. Second only to love came obedience. He never did anything

⁴ Extracted from Capuchin Franciscans Western America Province, accessed Jun 6, 2019, URL https://www.olacapuchins.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=301723&type=d&pREC_ID=696959

without permission, and when he was overtaken by his last illness, he asked the guardian to give him leave to die. He passed away on May 31, 1787, at the age of 72.

For thirty-three years, he lived under a superior who considered it his role to sanctify Felix by subjecting him to relentless severity and fantastic humiliations, all of which he heroically endured.

Felix was beatified by Leo XIII on February 12, 1888. Three years later, his remains were transferred to the Cathedral of Nicosia.

Retreat Reflection

By Michele Dunne, OFS

Imagine how wonderful it was to meet 90 brothers and sisters from our region, all smiling and ready to share their experiences in following Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis? I tried to sit with different people at every meal and gathering, and learned so much from them. Br Michael Mezza, OFM, shared thoughts about what it means to say “yes” to the Lord as a Secular Franciscan: we are called to bring the Gospel message of encouragement to all--but be sure to do it from the heart, with sincere love. Here is a prayer we prayed repeatedly during the retreat:

Lord, give us the wisdom to always hear your words in the whisper of the wind and to receive your peace in prayer. Give us courage to make time for your work and the ability to reflect.



Food Ministry Takes Off

Our monthly ministry to feed workers on the morning of our monthly meeting has taken root amongst our members and is producing good fruits, not only for the day workers, whom we feed and with whom we pray, but also for our members, who form a new bond as they live out another aspect of their profession. To join them, contact Michele (202-412-1210).



Please Pray For Our Sick

Mary Bibro, our DC Metro Area Councillor; Donna Wilkes and her family; Amy Bilyeau; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's friend, Ron Harner; Jean Xavier Fleurival and his family; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her husband Jim; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; and John and Dineen Whipple.

Pray For Our Deceased Helen Walls's mother, **Margaret Kathryn Walls**, died on May 30, Ascension Thursday; she was 100. Helen says the funeral was beautiful. Please keep Margaret, Helen and their friends in your prayers. 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.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

July 1 – Bl. Junipero Serra, priest, I Order; 4 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal, queen, III Order; 7 – Bl. Davanzato, bishop, III Order; 8 – Bl. Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs, I and III Order; 9 – St. Nicholas Pick, priest, and companions, martyrs, I Order; 10 – St. Veronica Giuliani, virgin, II Order; 12 – Sts. John Jones and John Wall, priests, martyrs, I Order; 13 – Bl. Angeline of Marisciano, religious, III Order; 15 – St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor, I Order; 16 – Canonization of St. Francis - Canonized 16 July 1228 by Pope Gregory IX; St. Francis Solano, priest, I Order; 18 – St. Simon of Lipnica; 21 – St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor, I Order; 23 – Bl. Cunegunda, religious, II Order; St. Bridget of Sweden, widow, III Order; 24 – Bl. Louise of Savoy, widow, II Order; Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary, religious, I Order; Bl. Antonio Lucci, bishop, I Order; 27 – Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinengo, virgin, II Order; 28 – Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska, virgin, martyr of Poland, II Order; Bl. Mattia Nazarei, virgin, II Order.



St. Margaret of Cortona Retreat at Priestfield, WV