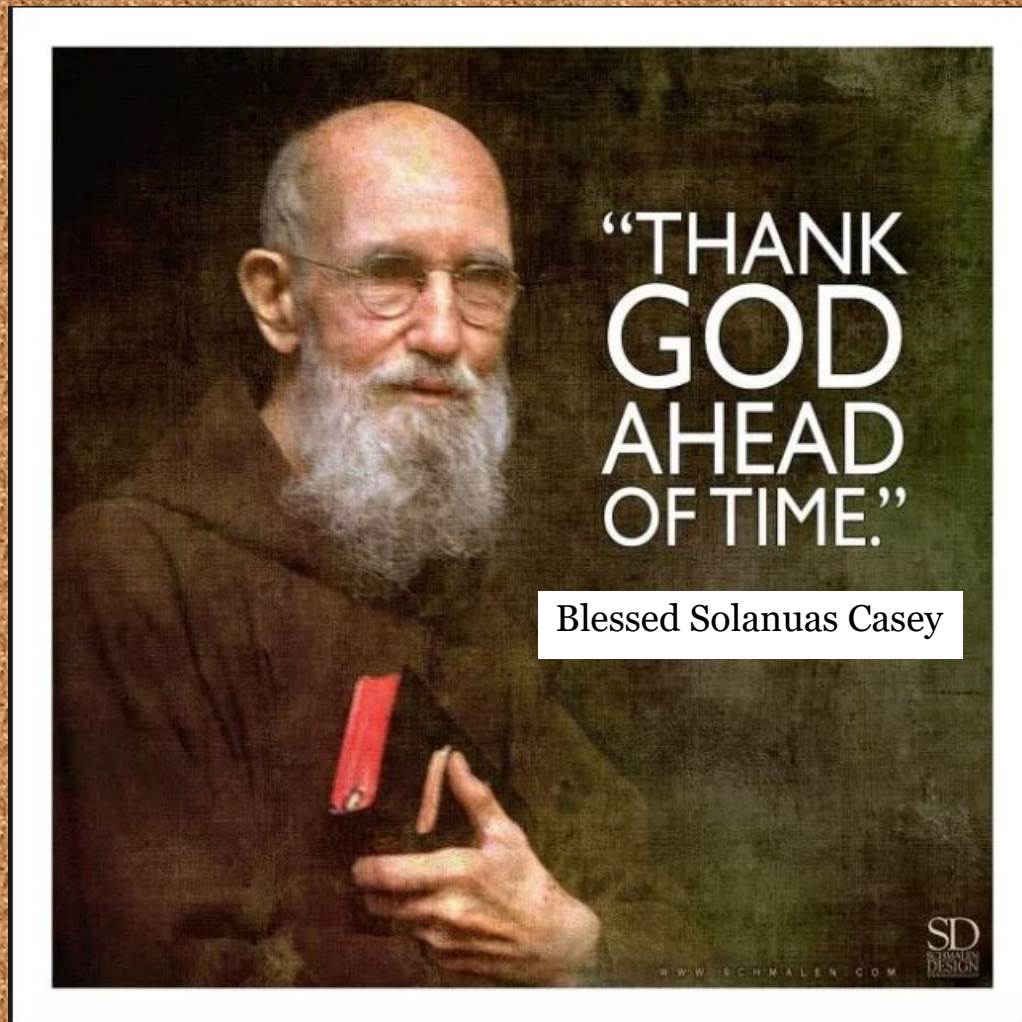


**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY  
ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN  
THE ANGELUS \* JULY 14, 2019**



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**Mary Badjo & Margaret Nicholson**

## OUR JULY MEETING

Opening Prayer

GRATEFUL THANKS to PORTIA For

ANOTHER AMAZING PILGRIMAGE

THIS TIME TO

ST ANTHONY'S SHINE ON TROY HILL

*LIVE LIKE FRANCIS*

Chapter 7, Presented by Lilian

NEW!!!

OUR NAMING CEREMONY ON AUGUST 2nd AT  
SUSAN'S HOME

Break

Christian Prayer

Banner For Our Fraternity

Ongoing Formation—Tom and Bach Book

## JULY MASS FOR OUR FRAERNITY, BIRTHDAYS & PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES,

Submitted by Genie

**HOLY MASS** was celebrated on the first Friday of July at St. Jude's for the intentions of our members, living and deceased.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!**

2 – Tap Nguyen

**No Five Year Profession Anniversaries**

### PRAYER NEEDS:

**Alina asked for prayers for her** husband Ted and for the entire Zygmunt family for health, peace, and unity.

Dale Eppig asked for prayers for additional health issues.

Pray for Mary Badjo's visit to her home in Togo, West Africa. Pray also for her nephew Ethan suffering with sickle cell anemia.

Please pray for Frank Barletta who has suffered a variety of health issues this year.

Please call Genie Dutton, 301-949-3989 with your prayer requests and you can also text Susan at 301 525 1555 to be placed on our text prayer group.



St. Francis Solano

### PLEASE PRAY THIS:

DEAR JULY FRANCISCAN SAINTS, including ST FRANCIS SOLANO, ST BONAVENTURE, ST. SOLANUS CASEY, ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, ST. JUNIPERO SERRA, ST. VERONICA GUILIANI,

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OF US, and we lift up to you for your powerful intercession all of our special intentions and all of our deceased fraternity and family members and we ask your help for Ted and the Zygmunt Family, Dale, Mary, Ethan, and Frank.



## MINISTER' S MESSAGE

**August 2nd is our annual Fraternity Name Day— The Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula. We hope to celebrate this Feast Day with Mass at St. Jude at 9 AM followed by a special party at my house if enough of our members are available. How special a party? Not just cake and ice cream, folks! A Franciscan Saint Naming Ceremony will crown our celebrations as detailed below.**

***What is a Franciscan Naming Ceremony?*** In June, while reading some posts on a Secular Franciscan Facebook page, I stumbled across an idea which was having a comeback. Some years ago, when Genie became a Franciscan, it was a common practice for people to take the name of a Franciscan Saint of their choosing at their profession just like we take confirmation names at the time of our confirmation. **IT SEEMS LIKE A WONDERFUL IDEA TO ME!** While it is too late for us to do it at our profession, there is nothing to stop our professed members from having a Franciscan Saint's Name Ceremony in which we formally take on the name of a Franciscan saint of each one's own choosing and ask that saint to be our special, powerful and committed patron until we join him or her in Heaven. The Council approved it and we are going forward with it.

***What Franciscan Saint can I choose for my own special Franciscan Name?*** He or she can be any Franciscan who has been Canonized or made Venerable or has been awarded the title Servant of God.

***What if I am a woman and wish to take the name of a male Franciscan Saint or vice versa?*** That is no problem. Remember St. John Marie Vianey who was given as a baptismal name, the name of Our Lady.

***Does it have to be a Franciscan Saint?*** Well, YES!

***Will people call me that name at our Fraternity meetings?*** No, but the names will be added to our Directory and you are encouraged to commemorate your special patron to the Fraternity on their Feast Day perhaps by submitting something about them to the Angelus or by an email or handing out a simple home made holy card in their honor.

***When will be do this?*** Tentatively, depending on availability of our members, we would like to do it on Friday August 2 at my house. On August 2, those of us who can make it, will attend our monthly Mass offered for our living and deceased members at St. Jude at 9 AM, which is a First Friday Mass and which, if the other normal plenary requirements are met, will obtain for each of us a plenary indulgence. Afterwards, we will come to my house at 16200 Edwards Ferry RD, Poolesville MD 20837 (301 525 1555) and have our special name-taking ceremony. We will repeat the ceremony at the September meeting for those members who can't make it the August celebration. We will still have our regular August meeting. A pot-luck celebration will follow.

***What do I have to do at the Ceremony?*** You will be given the opportunity to tell us the name of your chosen Saint, some details about the Saint's life and why you chose him or her. Bring a dish to share.

***What about the Portiuncula Indulgence for August 2?*** So glad you asked! St. Francis was immensely devoted to Our Lady and so also to the chapel of the name "Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula". St. Francis obtained from the Pope a special plenary indulgence granted on August in honor of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula. We can each easily obtain that indulgence that morning. All we have to do is attend the St. Jude's 9 AM First Friday Mass where we will first meet and that Mass will be offered for our living and deceased members, pray for our Pope and devoutly recite the Creed and Our Father and go to confession within two weeks before or after the Mass.

# SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT'S MESSAGE

July, 2019



## Article 23 of our Rule informs us:

"Requests for admission to the Secular Franciscan Order must be presented to the local Fraternity, whose council decides upon the acceptance of new brothers and sisters.

Admission to the Order is gradually attained through a time of initiation, a period of formation of at least one year, and profession of the Rule. The entire community is engaged in this process of growth by its own manner of living. The age for profession and the distinctive Franciscan sign are regulated by the statutes.

Profession by its nature is a permanent commitment.

Members who find themselves in particular difficulties should discuss their problems with the council in fraternal dialogue.

Withdrawal or permanent dismissal from the Order, is an act of the fraternity council according to the norm of the constitution.

Initial orientation to the Order is of utmost importance. It should include both instruction and activities directed toward a life-long commitment to

the Order. Emphasis also is on the role of the council in promotion of community, especially for new and for erring members. The council is primarily responsible for leading new members to commitment and to practice charitable measures in difficult situations. The life of the whole fraternity is to contribute to the growth of the new member. Furthermore, profession is stressed as a mature and enduring decision to participate in as fully as possible in the life and mission of the Church to the degree that did our Father Francis.

Next month, we discuss Article 24 on the importance of meeting with other groups.

Peace,

Mike

## A HUGE SHOUT OUT OF THANKS

### TO OUR DEDICATED AND ABLE FORMATION TEAM

led by Tom McGrath, with the able and dedicated assistance of Genie Dutton, Carnencita and Portia Fiesta, Brenda Dawson and Mike Huehter.



## From Life to Gospel and from Gospel to Life



### Order of Franciscans Secular - OFS

Are you seeking

- A supportive community to help you live a prayerful, simple life as a follower of Francis?
- A way to direct your efforts to be closer to God and to help the poor?
- An in-depth spirituality?

Jesus may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We would be happy to speak with you about the Franciscan journey.

• Justice • Peace • Integrity of Creation



St. Francis of Assisi  
Fraternity Order of  
Franciscans Secular  
[saintmargaretofcortona.org](http://saintmargaretofcortona.org)  
1-800-Francis

Following Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis

This beautiful banner to the left is artwork based on the design of Rita Colleran, OFS, for the regional banner.

It can be used as a template using wording specific to our fraternity and can be used at our meetings and possibly outside of our meetings to let other people learn a little about us. It's available as a 2-1/2' x 6' banner. Mary Lou Coffman has offered to modify it for our own Fraternity.

PLEASE BRING YOUR IDEAS to our July Meeting.

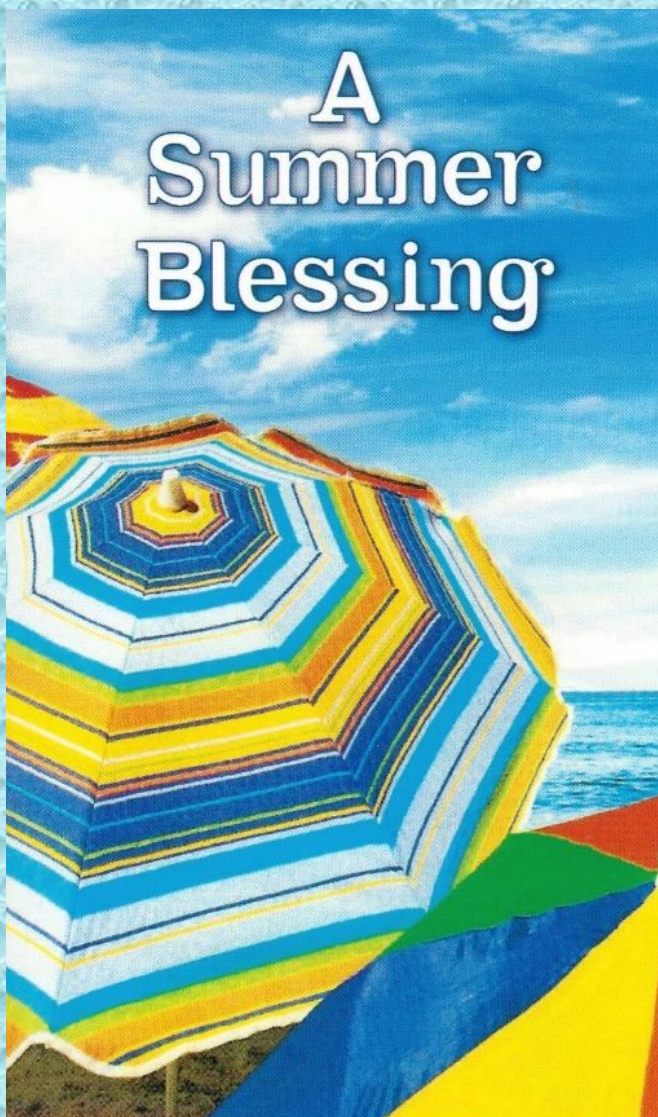






**“ A SUMMER BLESSING”**

**submitted by Carmencita**



**A Summer Blessing**

May our loving God  
watch over you  
and keep alive in your heart  
all that you have learned this year.

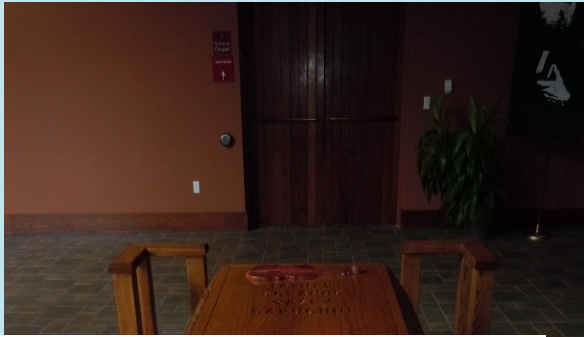
Keep your mind on God.  
Remember to pray often  
and to celebrate your faith,  
at home with your family,  
and at Mass with your faith family.

Keep your faith in God.  
Let all the joys of summer  
remind you of God's goodness.  
Never forget that God  
is always with you, no matter what.

May the God of all creation,  
who comes to us in Jesus,  
and lives among us in the Holy Spirit,  
keep you safe, happy, and holy  
this summer and always.

**Amen.**





*Fr. Solanus' tomb*



**“Blessed be God in all his designs!”**

On Thursday, May 4, Pope Francis accepted a miracle that prepares the way for the beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey. His beatification will likely be in Detroit this fall.

The miracle accepted on May 4 was the healing of a woman with an incurable, genetic skin disease. She was visiting friends in Detroit and went to the Solanus Casey Center and prayed at Fr. Solanus' tomb for others. As she finished she heard a voice urging her to “Ask for yourself also.” She did so and was instantly, visibly cured.

My attraction to Fr. Solanus began in 1979 when I read *The Porter of Saint Bonaventure's*. Along with his humility and love for and faith in the Mass, I noticed that he had lived for several months at St. Michael's Church in Brooklyn, New York. My mother had grown up in this parish, though she gone long before the time when Fr. Solanus was there. My devotion to Fr. Solanus ebbed and flowed over the years.

In 2009 I joined the Fr. Solanus Guild. The guild was formed in 1960 to promote Fr. Solanus' cause for canonization.

At the time I was forking for the Minnesota Senior Federation and had worked there 20 years. I had been afraid of losing my job for several years. Non-profits are often financially challenged. 2009 was a particularly rough. Sometime after I joined the guild, a welcome kit arrived. It contained a picture of Fr. Solanus, information on his life and the work of the guild and a list of benefits of membership. One of the benefits was a Mass celebrated each month for the members. I recalled Fr Solanus' faith in the efficacy of the Mass and was put at ease feeling sure the Senior Federation's financial problems would be resolved. A week came later the announcement that the Senior Federation would close. Amazing as it seemed to me, I was completely at ease about the prospects of being out of work. Though it would be unlikely to lead to anyone's beatification, it seemed like a miracle to me.

In June of 2014, my sister and I visited the Solanus Casey Center. It was my third visit, but her first. At the end of July, my sister had a mammogram and was called back for a second one. After the second, she had a biopsy, which showed cancer. She had to have yet another mammogram and was advised that she should have a biopsy on the other breast. At this time, I went online to the Solanus Casey Center's web site and left a prayer request to be placed on Fr. Solanus' tomb. From that point on, each report was good. First, the surgeon and radiologist determined that the second biopsy was not necessary. After the surgery for the cancer that was found, no cancer was found in the excised material, radiation therapy that had been expected was unnecessary. Once again, I would not expect this to lead to anyone's beatification, but it was a very much appreciated favor.

Fr. Solanus will make an excellent addition to the Church's Blesseds. I hope we are able to celebrate his feast day here!

Peace!

Tom

**July is the month dedicated to  
The Precious Blood Of Our Lord.  
Click this link for the Litany of the Precious Blood, Price of  
our Salvation**

[https://www.preciousbloodinternational.com/prayers\\_o6.html](https://www.preciousbloodinternational.com/prayers_o6.html)

## **JULY SAINTS**

[1 July: FRANCISCAN SAINT: Saint Junipero Serra,  
Priest – USA Optional Memorial](#)

Video on Saint Junipero  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=GwhvNZ\\_XEgw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwhvNZ_XEgw)



[3 July: Saint Thomas the Apostle – Feast](#)

Video on Saint Thomas:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNI\\_R6OuJrY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNI_R6OuJrY)

[5 July: FRANCISCAN SAINT: Saint Elizabeth of Portugal  
– Optional Memorial](#)

Inspiring Video on St. Elizabeth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCalEkA6vX4>



[5 July: Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest – Optional Memorial](#)

[6 July: Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr – Optional Memorial](#)

[9 July: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Martyrs – Optional Memorial](#)

[10. July: FRANCISCAN SAINT: St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin](#)



11 July: Saint Benedict, Abbot – Memorial

13 July: Saint Henry – Optional Memorial

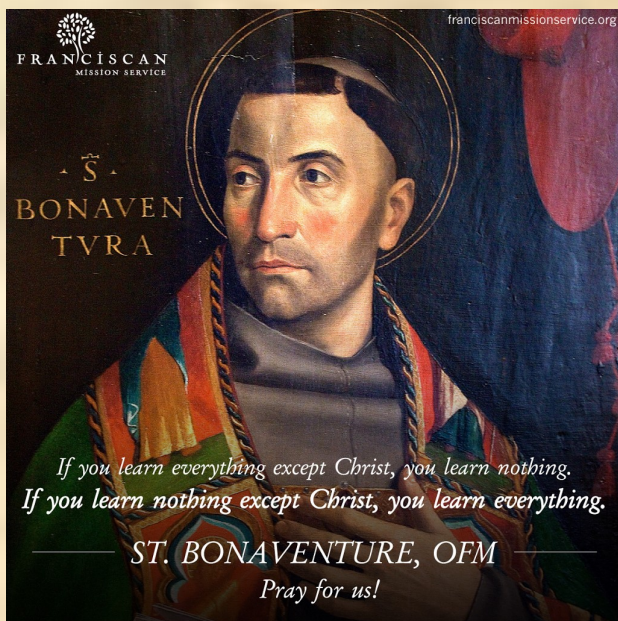
14. FRANCISCAN SAINT: St. Francis Solano

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAViLcOni2E>

14. St. Kateri Tekawitha, North American Saint

Video on St. Kateri:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JryFRIxKWqo>



15 July: FRANCISCAN SAINT: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor – Memorial  
Video on St Bonaventure: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RPrmrIX5No>

16 July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

– Optional Memorial

18th July St. Camillus de Lellis



20 July: Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr – Optional Memorial

21 July: Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor – Optional Memorial

22 July: Saint Mary Magdalene – Feast



23 July: Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious – Optional Memorial

Historical Video On St. Bridget:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmFl8poDj-U>

12 Year Prayers of St. Bridet:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6T\\_DyzPbJys](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6T_DyzPbJys)

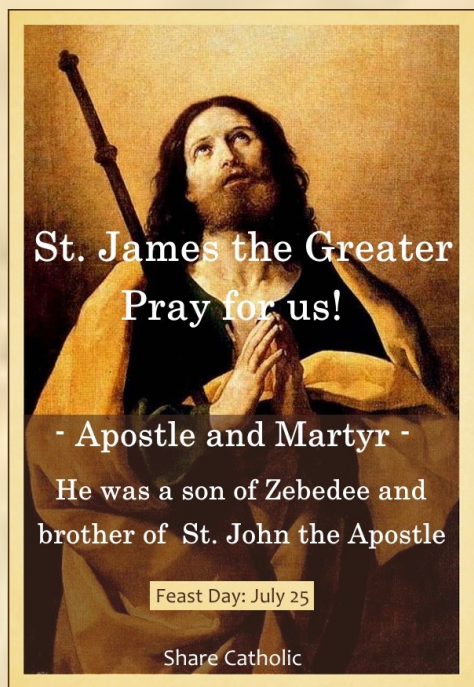
24 July: Saint Charbel Makhluf, Priest, Hermit –  
Optional Memorial



Watch this wonderful movie about St. Charbel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaQ4iKOVFPY>





[25 July: Saint James The Greater, Apostle – Feast](#)

[26 July: Saints Joachim and Anne – Memorial](#)

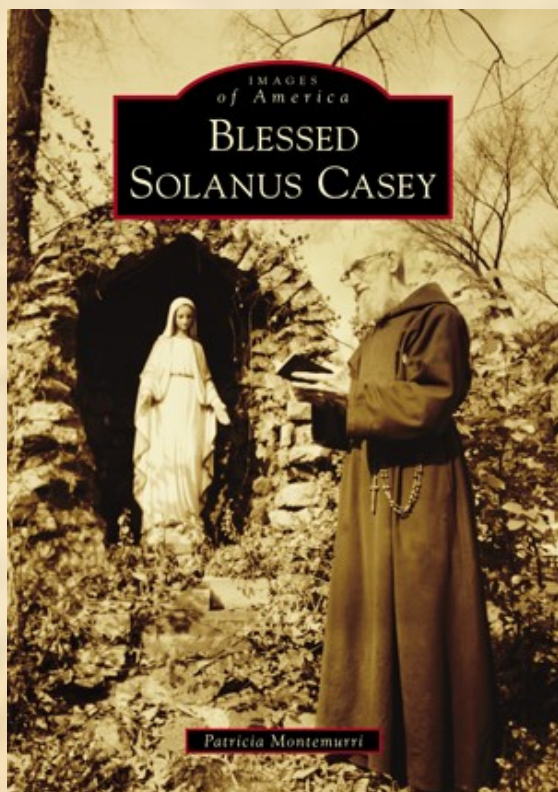


[29 July: Saint Martha – Memorial](#)

[30 July: FRANCISCAN SAINT: Blessed Solanus Casey](#)

[Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFY1yTMiWJ4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFY1yTMiWJ4)

James Patrick Derum wrote of Blessed Solanus: “Long since, he had come to know the Christ-taught truth that pure love of God and one’s fellowmen as children of God are in the final event all that matter. Living this truth ardently and continuously had made him, spiritually, a free man—free from slavery to passions, from self-seeking, from self-indulgence, from self-pity—free to serve wholly both God and man” (*The Porter of St. Bonaventure’s*, page 199).



[30. July: Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor – Optional Memorial](#)

[31 July: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest – Memorial](#)



## **LOVE of ENEMY & THE STRANGER**

**By Father Michael Bries**

**REPRINT From July 2018**

**Love of enemy and the stranger are ancient and paramount requirements if one intends to truly live out the Gospel. Lacking such love of our fellow human beings is a grave sin in our Christian tradition. Christ never rejected any person because of their race, ethnicity or tribe. Never. Sadly, we now live in a modern society in which this group is divided and unwelcoming, even hateful and prejudiced toward another person solely because of his or her race, ethnicity, tribe or background. WHY? I do NOT understand!**

**Every person is HUMAN IN NATURE!!! No person's intelligence is determined by their skin color. There are talented, gifted and brilliant people in every group of people. There are foolish and even ignorant people in every group of people. Regardless, every person is still human and possess an innate dignity, value and purpose here on earth. Your life is not mine, nor is mine yours. Still, I respect you as my fellow human being. I believe our Creator has a purpose, a role for you to play in the unfolding and building up of His Kingdom here at hand.**

**HOW can you, me or any so-called Catholic or Christian really claim we follow Christ when our heart, mind or spirit possesses a deep dislike, hatred or prejudice toward a stranger here in our midst, our community, our parish? HOW can Hatred contribute to building up God's Kingdom, to living out the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, or as an expression of the Holy Spirit's compassion, mercy or justice? HOW does that make any sense?**

**Before you, maybe a family member, a person you grew up with, or another Catholic leaves this world, you, me, or others should be brutally frank and clear with our self and one another. If we hate our so called enemy or the stranger whose skin differs from ours, or their education level differs, or their wealth or class differs from us, well, if we hate them, then, you, me and all disciples of Christ MUST humbly plead, cry out to and beg our good and gracious and forgiving God to empty the very depths of our being from any hatred or prejudice! We must humbly and truthfully acknowledge this part of our self! Then may we truly seek our only hope for salvation and eternal life by begging our Lord for forgiveness and then, humbly and freely choosing to walk forward always in the company of Christ. Our dear Lord is our God of Love, Mercy and Justice...NOT HATRED! Be willing to imitate Christ. Always choose to love rather than hate. Your own salvation depends heavily on this. You may fool other people. You will NEVER fool God! The choices are yours! Salvation is never for those who HATE! What's going to be your choice? Hatred or Love?**