



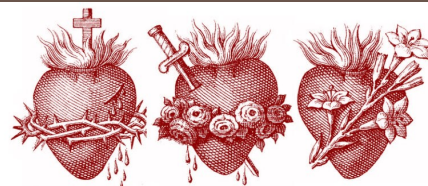
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## Minister's Message



Peace and all good!

I've written about the Sacred Heart before — in June of 2020. In part, I said then:

"Take a look at the Sacred Heart image... This is a wounded heart. It bleeds. It is pierced. It is encircled by a crown of thorns. It has experienced the physical and spiritual rejection of mankind. And yet, it is literally on fire — still on fire with love for humanity, in spite of all that. Jesus' Sacred Heart is like a furnace of love — love for us, with all of our weaknesses, and all of our strengths."

Perhaps you're aware that Jesus' heart is not the only one to be depicted in this way; the hearts of Mary and Joseph are, too.

Mary's heart ("Immaculate Heart of Mary") is wreathed by roses, which have always been associated with her, and pierced by a sword, a reference to Simeon's prophecy (Luke 2:34-35). Joseph's heart ("Chaste Heart of St. Joseph") is overlain with a lily branch, which is associated both with his own integrity and with Mary, his spouse.

What does the iconography of this trio of hearts tell us, in relation to Jesus' own? This is, after all, a "family affair"; while not Trinitarian in the classic doctrinal sense, there is still a spiritual triad — a mutuality of love and self-giving — between Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Before I converted, I found images like the one above repellent. "What is it with those Catholics?" I would wonder. Their faith seemed like a strange and foreign terrain populated with visceral, iconic, corporeal stuff — bleeding hearts and brutally bloodied saviors; weeping Madonnas and clouds of incense; strings of beads and bodies of saints preserved in glass coffins. It all seemed more than a bit Baroque, and maybe not quite proper.

But when global literacy rates were much lower, visual depictions of spiritual truths were a necessary form of evangelization and catechesis. Think of the stained glass windows of the great cathedrals; they're like a Biblical and Catholic history picture book.

And here's the thing: We experience the world through our senses. While some philosophers will caution us that these same senses can't be trusted and the data they supply isn't empirical, they nonetheless can't be separated from how we encounter the world around us.

Still, sometimes our senses need a wake up call. They need to be confronted with an arresting image — like a troika of hearts on fire.

Southern Gothic author Flannery O'Connor was a Catholic whose often grotesque short stories — tainted in part by unfortunately authentic vernacular — nonetheless ultimately tell profound truths about the power of grace. In her essay "The Fiction Writer and His Country" (1957), she said this: "For the almost-blind you draw large and startling figures... to the hard of hearing you shout."



## Organization

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Sterling, VA 20167

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St. Joseph Catholic Church  
750 Peachtree St., Room 205  
Herndon, VA 20170

**Pace e Bene**

The Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order was canonically established on June 21, 1992. The Fraternity is affiliated with the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tau Fraternity is in the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Tau Fraternity Council currently includes the following officers:

- **Minister**—Kimberley Heatherington, OFS
- **Vice Minister**—Josh Goldberg, OFS
- **Formation Director**—Walter Gawlak, OFS
- **Secretary**—Vera Stewart, OFS
- **Treasurer**—Cynthia Filan-Kim, OFS



## Minister's Message Cont'd

Our senses are daily assaulted by the static of the secular world, and it's easy for them to become dulled. Or we may feel that "traditional" Catholic iconography doesn't speak to us as modern believers.

But the more I—as a new Catholic—meditated on the "heart of" images which were now part of my acquired spiritual heritage, the more I understood what they—in all of their realistic and sanguineous glory—were trying to tell me. What they were trying to shout at me.

Love.

While these cardiac depictions may be graphic, they tell us a truth we need to know, and remember: All three hearts of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—are afire. Afire with love for God, and love for humanity. We are known, and we are loved.

Holding you all in prayer,

Kimberley

# Elections News

## Tau Council Offices: Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of the Tau Council meetings and the Tau Gathering. But did you also know that the Secretary assists the Minister in responding to National Fraternity requests pertaining to membership? As such, the Secretary keeps the Fraternity Register up to date.

While the *General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order* do not require the Secretary to prepare and distribute a newsletter, this has become a tradition in Tau Fraternity. It is rewarding and a pleasure to serve the Fraternity in the role of Secretary.

For additional information on the responsibilities of the Secretary, see Article 52 of the *General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order*. [2020 Dec-updated-Translation OFS-General-Constitutions-s1469.pdf \(secularfranciscansusa.org\)](#)

**Date  
Change!**

### Important Dates from John Ata, OFS, Nominations Chair

**July 1**—Second call for nominations

**July 14**—Nomination deadline included in the call for nominations

**August 1**—Send out the Tau Nomination Package

**September 4**—Elections

### NOTICE

Nominees must be professed members. Please check with someone before nominating that person. Nominees should prayerfully consider the request before accepting a nomination. You are welcome to nominate yourself.



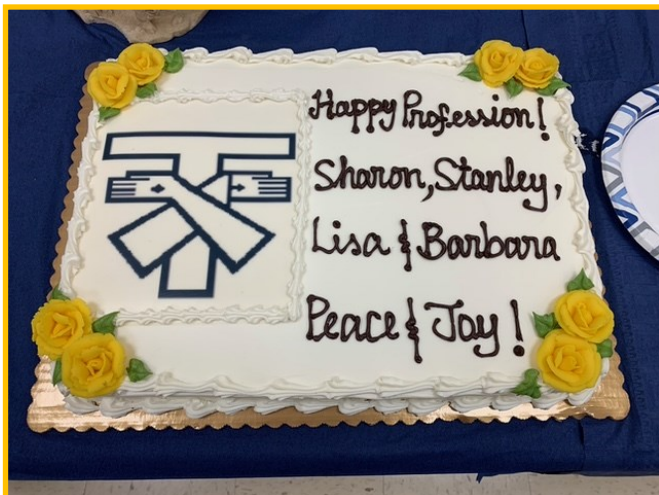
# TAU FRATERNITY PROFESSIONS

St. Joseph Parish

Congratulations to our Newly  
Professed!!



Sharon Goldberg, OFS  
Stanley Hoover, OFS  
Lisa Jaeger, OFS  
Barbara Glivers, OFS





# Recap of Last Gathering

May 1, 2022

## OPENING PRAYER:

Offered by Cyndy Filan-Kim, OFS

### **A Franciscan Blessing**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU with discomfort,  
at easy answers, half-truths,  
and superficial relationships  
so that you may live  
deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger  
at injustice, oppression,  
and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for  
justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,  
to shed for those who suffer pain,  
rejection, hunger, and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand  
to comfort them and  
to turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you  
with enough foolishness  
to believe that you can  
make a difference in the world,  
so that you can do  
what others claim cannot be done,  
to bring justice and kindness  
to all our children and the poor.

Amen

## PRESENTATION:

Bill Bouffard, OFS gave a presentation on "Fraternity as Community." He began with three questions:

1. What constitutes our way of life?
2. Why do we follow this way of life?
3. Are we here for the heavenly rewards?

Bill discussed Francis' relationship with Jesus and the incarnation and how we continue on this path. This is important because we have a foot in two different worlds:

1. We are a Fraternity that exists in a world of many strangers, we do not speak the same language: poverty, serving, joy, and humility .
2. We are globally bound by what we consume.

Bill made the following points during the presentation:

- As Franciscans, we are to provide the world with a radical sense of connection not based on supply and demand but based on a familial sense of relationship to incarnate the world community
- A Franciscan way of life is a relational life and seeks the experience of God through relationship with one another .
- We are required to live in a manner that celebrates "kin-dom", not kingdom, with all the possibilities of connection-making so as to reveal the great divine Love that called us into being, sustains us and is our common destiny.
- We must practice radical conversion to be Christocentric.
- The key is to do it as Fraternity - Community; we matter together or not at all.

## ONGOING FORMATION:

Walter Gawlak, OFS began On-Going Formation with a look back at our progress in building habits of holiness. Father Ames stated in the Introduction of *Habits of Holiness* that he was going to throw out a lot of suggestions toward that ideal goal we are seeking but that we need only take it step by step along the way, or poco a poco (little by little). Walter suggested that at Chapter 4, halfway through the book, might be a good place to examine how our habit-forming was going. He reported that he found some practices to be settling in, such as finding material for morning reflection and the evening examine, but that other practices were proving harder to establish.

He next discussed the general principles of habit forming. We intuitively know that, despite our best intentions, long-term behavioral change is a difficult prospect. Even Saint Paul gives us reassurance that habit formation is difficult. (see Rom. 7:15). Habits are behaviors that our brain has learned without thinking about and making a new resolution stick involves creating a new habit. Yet, this might entail overcoming an existing habit that gives us pleasure. One variable to forming the new habit is the reward value of the new behavior. Our brain likely has lots of highly rewarding habits

and those are stiff competition for the new things we are trying to learn. Any lasting behavioral change from this point forward is going to take work and a lot of repetitions.

As an example, he found that his effort to regularly pray the evening LOH was undermined by the attraction of doing the daily on-line crossword, a pleasant transition to dinner.

He didn't focus on Chapter 4, "Simplicity", the Christian Call to Contentment, because the topics—simplicity, poverty, detachment from material goods, and peace—are existing themes of our Rule and should already be part of the fabric of our spiritual lives. The Appendix checklist, however, should have offered an opportunity to reflect on our progress.

Small groups considered the following questions:

1. How is your habit forming going? What's working and what's more difficult?
2. Have any of your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving carried over past Easter?
3. Did any of the questions in the Appendix, Contentment Check for the Laity give you pause?

The next Chapter, "Love for the Poor: Christ Knocks at Your Door", should continue a theme that should resonate with our Franciscan charism.

# Tau Fraternity Annual Retreat

Priestfield Retreat Center, May 2022

Led by Father  
Stephen King,  
OFM Conv



The Joy of  
Penance





# APOSTOLATES

## MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY HOSPICE COOKING APOSTOLATE

Thanks to our Brothers and Sisters who support the apostolate at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House. The remaining food drop offs for the year will be:

- June 11,
- August 13,
- October 8,
- December 10.

The menu for June includes pasta. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Veronica O'Donnell, OFS or Joe Boyle, OFS.

Pace e bene!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help to feed the hungry. Cyndy Filan-Kim, OFS volunteered to shop and deliver food to the St. Vincent DePaul Society chapter at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Food donations may be dropped off prior to the Tau Gathering in the stairwell on the right at St. Joseph School. If you wish to make a monetary donation for the food pantry, please provide it to Cyndy.

Thank you!

For more, info, see <https://sttimothyparish.org/outreach-and-ministries/st-vincent-de-paul/>

## Franciscan Mission Service

Tau Fraternity provides a biannual monetary donation to Franciscan Mission Service. The organization prepares and supports lay Catholics for mission service opportunities around the globe.

For more information, see [Home | Franciscan Mission Service](#)

## POOR Clares of New Jersey

Tau Fraternity supports the Monastery of St. Clare in Chesterfield, NJ with a biannual monetary donation. The monastery is home to Sister, Karen Stapleton, OSC, who began her Franciscan journey with Tau Fraternity. The main work of the Poor Clares of NJ is to provide altar bread to parishes in the diocese of Trenton.

For more information, or to submit a prayer intention to the Poor Clares, see [The Poor Clares of New Jersey — Joyfully Embracing the Gospel Way of Life . \(poorclaresnewjersey.com\)](http://The Poor Clares of New Jersey — Joyfully Embracing the Gospel Way of Life . (poorclaresnewjersey.com))

## Refugee Assistance

The First Baptist Church is planning a new project for providing English as a Second Language classes to refugees. See the next page for more info.

If you wish to continue helping the refugees in the meantime, Catholic Charities has a wish list for those who have been resettled. See [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



**James 2:17**

# Ecumenical Apostolate

## Information about Volunteer Needs

Yes we have our two teachers! Bill Bouffard OFS and Stanley Hoover OFS will be team teaching with two members from the First Baptist Church this September. We still need volunteers for many supporting activities such as mentors to help in the classrooms, members on the refreshment committee and communication committee.

There are many ways to serve and to put action to our words of helping the poor. This project gives each of us an opportunity to help whether it be teaching in a classroom, welcoming students with a smile, developing teaching materials, setting up a Google site, or putting up posters at various businesses.

Mentors are especially needed: You need not speak a foreign language to be a mentor or have any special experience or skills other than a willingness to sit in the classroom, observe the students and make them feel welcome with a smile. Mentors give feedback to the teachers if they see that a student is struggling. If you are willing to help be a mentor, you need not attend each class. Of course it is best if you are there often, but it is not necessary.

Here is a tentative schedule for the development of this apostolate:

### JUNE

- Continue meeting with Catholic Charities on developing the program
- Download teaching documents from Catholic Charities and revise for our classes
- Develop slides for teacher training to be held in August
- Continual outreach for volunteers from Baptist Church

and Secular Franciscans

- Order textbooks

### JULY

- Finalize training for teachers
- Set up Google site for teachers
- Develop guidelines for mentors, orientation, assessors and other volunteers as needed.
- Establish Communication Committee to develop communication plan to outreach to potential students

### AUGUST

- Continue training for teachers and other volunteers
- Plan orientation and assessment of registering students
- Set up classrooms
- Put communication plan in effect i.e. flyers, church bulletins, and social media
- Set up documentation for receiving moneys

### SEPTEMBER

- Orientation and assessment of students
- Classes begin

If you volunteer to help with the Communication Committee, the meetings will be via Zoom so you will not have to meet in person. In June Sally will email a list of volunteers that have agreed to help and a list of school supplies for the teachers that are needed. As always please pray for this apostolate. The First Baptist Church is very excited about Tau's participation.

## INDIVIDUAL APOSTOLATE

Don't know what to do with used batteries?

Sharon Goldberg, OFS is collecting and donating used batteries (certain types). She will be collecting until October. If you're interested in helping, check with her about details.

### EXPAND YOUR INDIVIDUAL APOSTOLATE!

If you are contributing to a collection drive or helping your parish or community, consider inviting your Franciscan brothers and sisters. Make an announcement about the event or activity at the Tau Gatherings.



# COMMITTEE NEWS

If you are interested in participating actively in one of our Committees, take a moment to chat with the chair:

Hospitality Committee – Veronica O'Donnell, OFS  
Interfaith/Ecumenical Committee – Kimberley Heatherington, OFS  
Infirmary Committee – Sharon Goldberg, OFS  
Recruitment Committee – Vacant  
Technology Committee – John Ata, OFS

May 24, 2022

## INTERFAITH & ECUMENICAL

### Interreligious delegation begins solidarity mission to Kyiv



Following an appeal by the Mayor of Kyiv, a high-level delegation of world religious leaders is travelling to the Ukrainian capital today to bring their solidarity to Ukrainians and pray together for a just peace in Ukraine.



A graveyard in the Kyiv area. (ANSA)

By Lisa Zengarini

As war between Ukraine and Russia enters its fourth month, more than a dozen faith leaders from the major world religions, including the Catholic Church, started a three-day solidarity visit to Kyiv on Tuesday during which they will pray together for peace, distribute humanitarian aid and meet Ukrainian religious and political leaders. The high-level religious delegation travelled by bus from Warsaw and will return to the Polish capital on May 26.

#### Vitali Klitschko's appeal

The mission follows an appeal launched by the Mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko, who in March asked world spiritual leaders to visit the then besieged Ukrainian capital to

show their solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

#### The organizers

The initiative is organized by Europe a Patient Association, a pan-European and non-partisan group based in Warsaw, advocating for a sustainable and solidarity-based response of European countries to the current health, economic and humanitarian crisis in the continent.

The host partner is Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center, a non-governmental organization that created the first modern Holocaust museum in Eastern Europe. Also collaborating are several organizations, including Sojourners, a Washington based Christian NGO dedicated to articulating the biblical call for social justice and peace, and members of the Jesuit Georgetown University (USA).

#### Praying for a just peace

After their arrival on Tuesday morning, the religious leaders held a public outdoor prayer service at Babyn Yar, which was the site of massacres carried out by Nazi forces during World War II. It will be followed by another prayer service in Kyiv at noon on Wednesday. The organizers also plan to appeal to the Russian authorities for a prayer vigil for a just peace to take place in Moscow.

"We are here to demand that bombing of Ukrainian cities stop", said Dr. Mateusz Piotrowski, one of the lead organizers of the initiative and president of Europe a

Patient. "We want to contribute to strengthening humanitarian corridors. We also hope that interventions by religious leaders, in the form of prayer vigils for a just peace can be instrumental to peace-building in Ukraine and elsewhere", he added.

According Mr. Maksym Rabinovych, CEO of the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center, bringing together leaders from different fields – religious, politics, science, culture – can show the way to stop the war, save lives and restore peace. "For five years our Memorial Center has been studying the history of the Holocaust to prevent genocides and promote human dignity and we are committed to this aim today in particular, when peaceful Ukrainian cities are suffering from shelling, a lot of houses of civilians are destroyed and so many people are tortured and killed in barbaric manner", said Rabinovych.

#### Members of the delegation

Members of the delegation include Anglican Bishop Jo Bailey Wells, of Dorking, United Kingdom, who says she was honoured to accept the invitation: "In my heart, at this moment, there is no greater prayer than that for peace and justice in Ukraine. It will be an immense privilege for me to be able to offer this prayer in the 'eye of the storm' with an interfaith group of religious leaders who are - despite our differences, but also because of our differences - determined to join together for peace", Bishop Wells said.

# Interfaith and Ecumenical, Cont'd

## Quest for truth

Another member of the delegation, Imam Yahya Pallavicini, president of COREIS (the Italian Islamic Religious Community) and coordinator of EULEMA, the European Muslim Leaders' Majlis, highlights the importance of interreligious cooperation in this difficult moment for Europe. "We need to learn together how to develop a reliable model of interreligious cooperation for the injured soul of Europe. Jews,

Christians and Muslims of the West visiting together the blessed land and people of Ukraine need to share the sacred quest for truth and peace, through the humble service of justice, in order to prevent atrocities and the lack of fraternity", the Italian Muslim leader said.

## Catholic participants

Catholic members of the delegation include Ms. Michele Dunne, OFS, Executive

Director of Franciscan Action Network and Sister Sheila Kinsey FCJM, Executive Co-Secretary of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission of the Union of Superior Generals (male religious congregations) and of the International Union of Superior Generals (female religious congregations).

## PRAYERS & DEVOTIONS

### Sacred Heart of Jesus



#### Short Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

O SACRED Heart of Jesus,  
filled with infinite Love,  
broken by my ingratitude,  
pierced by my sins,  
yet loving me still;  
accept the consecration  
that I make to Thee  
of all that I am  
and all that I have.  
Take every faculty  
of my soul and body  
and draw me,  
day by day,  
nearer and nearer  
to Thy Sacred Heart,  
and there,  
as I can understand the lesson,  
teach me Thy blessed ways.  
Amen.

[Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus | Traditional Catholic Prayers](#)



#### Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena Prayer

Lord Jesus, the needs of Your people open Your Heart to the love You have for each of us. You care for us when we are lost, embrace us in our loneliness, comfort us in our mourning, and You are closest to us when we are at our weakest. You call us to spread Your Love in whatever way we can, and to whoever You place in our lives.

Lord Jesus, Your Heart is moved with Compassion when we are suffering, when we need Your help, and when we pray for each other. Listen to my prayer during this novena, and grant me what I ask of You

(pause, make your request silently)

However, if what I ask is not for my salvation, and my own good or the good of other, then may Your Father's Will be done, in His Time and Ways.

I firmly believe That You will always grant me what is best, so that I may help build Your Kingdom of Love and Compassion in our world.

We make this prayer through You, Our Compassionate Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

HEAR US, LORD!

***Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:***

For physical and spiritual healing of Brian Prendergast; Walter Gawlak's daughter-in-law; Sylvia Capurso; Melissa, Ben, and Baby Levi; Valerye Milleson; Bill Brewster, his wife Linda, and their son Richard Lee; Cynthia Filan-Kim's sister; Sally White and her husband Gary; Richard & Carole Clarke and their grandsons Liam and Rory; Helen Broxmeyer and her daughter Susan; and Irene Naveau. For the patients and Sisters at the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace House. For the people affected by Coronavirus and their caregivers. For the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic and its patients. For all peoples who suffer persecution. For the country of Myanmar and its citizens. For the victims of natural disasters. For refugees and migrant workers. For all those who are in need of our prayers who have been inadvertently omitted from this list.

Please send prayer requests to Kimberley Heatherington, OFS.

## Diocese of Arlington - St. Thérèse Vocations Society

### Pray for vocations

The St. Therese Vocation Society invites you to pray daily for vocations and for the individuals in formation as priests and religious in our diocese. These men and women who have responded to God's call rely on these prayers from their brothers and sisters in Christ.

- 1 Rev. Mr. Robert Renner
- 2 Rev. Mr. Daniel Reuwer
- 3 Rev. Mr. Daniel Rice
- 4 Rev. Mr. Peter St. George
- 5 Brother Collin Kourtz, OFM Cap.
- 6 Brother Isaiah of the Holy Face, OCD
- 7 Sr. Mary of the Pierced Heart (Novice, SSVM)
- 8 Brother Joseph Teresa of the Eucharist, OCD
- 9 Sister Chiara Marie of Jesus, PCC
- 10 Brother Stephen Foeckler, OSB
- 11 Sister Mary Mother of Perpetual Help, SSVM
- 12 Sister Mary Refuge of Sinners, SSVM
- 13 Sister Maria Josepha of the Ascension of Jesus, FLM
- 14 Sister Anna Joy Tipton, OP
- 15 Sister Philomena Luke of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, CFR

- 16 Sister Mary Handmaid of the Lord, SSVM
- 17 Sister Eneyda Martinez, PSSJ
- 18 Timothy Courtney
- 19 Sister Veronica Mary of the Wounds of Christ, PCC
- 20 Sister Marie Notre Dame de l'Espérance, SSVM
- 21 Sister Amanda María (Novice, H.SMCJ)
- 22 Nicholas Young
- 23 Sister Mary of the Transfiguration, SSVM
- 24 Sister Allison Regina Gliot (FSP)
- 25 Kevin Kelly II
- 26 Luke Poczekatek
- 27 Sister Mary Splendor of the Church, SSVM
- 28 David Witherow
- 29 Sister Marie Fe Tansioco, FMA
- 30 Brother Daniel De Paola, OSBA

See a daily prayer for each here: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society/>



# CALENDAR

## Upcoming Activities and Events

### June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus \*

Jun 5—Tau Fraternity Gathering  
 Jun 6—Corpus Christi  
     Anniversary of John Ata's & Bill Richey's profession  
 Jun 7—Matthew Kelly's birthday  
 Jun 10—Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Jun 11—Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle  
     World Day of Prayer for Consecration of the Priests  
 Jun 12—Missionaries of Charity Hospice Apostolate  
 Jun 13—Feast of St. Anthony of Padua  
 Jun 20—World Refugee Day  
 Jun 21—Tau Fraternity Anniversary  
     Jim Haynes' birthday  
 Jun 22—Feast of St. Thomas More  
     Stanley Hoover's birthday  
 Jun 23—Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
 Jun 24—Nativity of St. John the Baptist;  
 Jun 29—Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

### JUNE 2022

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### JULY 2022

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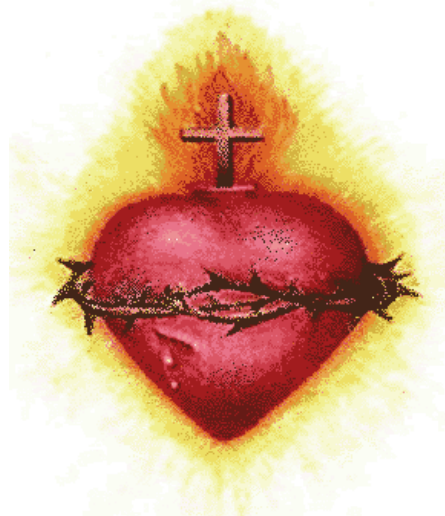
## QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS

When: August 3—7, 2022

Where: Sheraton Phoenix Downtown,  
Phoenix, AZ

Registration info:

[1 - General Information.pdf](#) - [Google Drive](#)



# NEXT TAU GATHERING

June 5, 2022

## SCHEDULE

1:30 pm – 1:32 pm Opening Prayer **TBD**  
1:32 pm – 2:12 pm Presentation—**Newly Professed**  
2:12 pm – 2:22 pm Break  
2:22 pm – 3:02 pm Ongoing Formation  
3:02 pm – 3:12 pm Break  
3:12 pm – 3:22 pm Angelus & Liturgy of the Hours  
3:22 pm – 3:32 pm Business Meeting  
3:32 pm Closing Prayer

Masks are optional for in person attendance.

St. Joseph Church  
Room 205

## THE REGINA COELI

During Easter, we will precede the Liturgy of the Hours with the Regina Coeli in English

V Queen of heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.  
R For He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia  
V Hath risen as He said, Alleluia.  
R Pray for us to God, Alleluia.  
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.  
R. Because Our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

### LET US PRAY

O God, who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, great, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. AMEN

Easter lasts for a total of 50 days, from Easter Sunday until the [feast of Pentecost](#), when the Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Christ.

This year, 2022, Easter runs from April 17 until June 5.

[Easter isn't over yet. Here's when it officially ends | Catholic News Agency](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The June 5, 2022 Tau Gathering will be hybrid. See email for link to virtual meeting. Contact Kimberley Heatherington, OFS to volunteer for:

- ♦ Opening Prayer
- ♦ Liturgy of the Hours Readings

## FORMATION:

### Initial Formation

Candidates: Chapter 17 in *The Franciscan Journey*

Aspirants: Chapter 1 in *The Franciscan Journey*

### Ongoing Formation

Last month we delved into our Franciscan call to poverty and detachment from ownership; this month, we look outside ourselves at the poverty around us and what we are called to do about it. Please read Chapter 5: "Love for the Poor: Christ Knocks at Your Door," in *Habits of Holiness*. Bring your book because we will be using them in small group discussion.

There is a second part to the formation. Review the May 8th message, entitled, "OFS: What Makes Us Different? -- Fraternity." In particular, mull over the three questions and offer ideas that might guide the Council you elect in September in improving our fraternity life. Also, use this message to discern whether you can serve our fraternity.

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

### Pentecost Sunday

**Hymn: #13** – "God Father, Praise and Glory" : pg. 1521 or "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, Come" (Divine Office audio)

**Everything Else:** Pentecost: Evening Prayer II: pg. 605

**Readers:** TBD