

# ***THE FLYER***

NEWSLETTER FOR THE ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO  
FRATERNITY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS

July 17, 2022

**NEW Council**

Our Theme for the Year is:  
**The Eucharist: The Lord's  
Body & Blood**



## **Greetings from Brother Lawrence**

I know that I am a tad late again, but I would still like to express my congratulations to the new council members for a good quadrenium. I also like to thank those who answered the call to achieve a quorum. Enjoy your summer.

Peace,

Br. Lawrence

A Miracle of Saint Joseph of Cupertino, Public domain, Placido Costanzi, The Metropolitan Museum of Art <https://metmuseum.org>

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*Bible quotes are from the Douay-Rheims translation, unless otherwise noted.*

## NEW Minister's Message



2022-2025 Council (Left to Right)

Minister: Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer OFS & Vice-Minister: Charlie Heyden OFS

Secretary: France Staudenmann OFS, Treasurer: Bill Siefken OFS, Formation Director: Jeanne Kerins OFS

Councilors at Large: Bob Longo OFS & Ray Glennon OFS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am humbled to have been elected as your new fraternity minister. Thank you to all those who have served so selflessly and graciously these past three years: James Kim, OFS- Minister; Denise Donaldson, OFS- Vice Minister; Jeanne Kerins, OFS- Secretary; Gerry Pinkas, OFS-Treasurer; Sherry Lewis, OFS- Formation Director; Lita Maisel, OFS– Councilor. We have been blessed by your leadership of our fraternity family, especially during a most difficult season.

Our Franciscan family needs every brother and sister to be present here with us. If it has been awhile since you attended a fraternity meeting, know that you have been missed. How can we help you get back to the gatherings? What are we missing that you need? The General Constitution of the Secular Franciscan Order Article 30.2 states how belonging to the Fraternity should be lived: "The sense of co-responsibility of the members requires personal presence, witness, prayer, and active collaboration, in accordance with each one's situation and possible obligations for the animation of the fraternity." Fraternity life is essential to living out our vocation as Secular Franciscans. You are important. You matter. Your family needs you. Let me or any one on the Council know what you would like to see at our gatherings. We want everyone to feel wanted, needed, and heard.

Please join us at our next gathering on July 17<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice as our family grows with the Profession of Will Potter. Come and celebrate.

Peacefully,

Melissa, OFS



## Treasurer's Report

**The Treasurer's Report is on vacation until next month...**

**Contributions are Tax Deductible.**

Direct Donation checks to:

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**

**Mail donations to:**

Bill Siefken

1728 Hutchinson Lane

Silver Spring, MD 20906

**You may use your bank's BILL PAY.**

Direct payment to:

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**  
**c/o address above.**

Contact Bill with any bill pay questions.

## Farewell, But Not Goodbye!

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity laments our loss of Eileen Peregoy, OFS & Joanne Gibbs Patton, OFS to the Blessed Solanus Casey Fraternity. These lovely ladies are moving on to our nearby fraternity as the distance to our meetings was becoming a burden. Please remember to say a prayer for them and for our brothers and sisters at the Blessed Solanus Casey Fraternity.



FRANCISCAN  
FUN!

### Excerpt from

### *The Kinship of Saint Francis*

### On the Excused

*FA:ED, vol 3, 718 (31)*



“...He remembered that [passage] of the psalm: *I have sworn and determined to keep the justice of the Lord and to observe the Rule that the Lord Himself gave to me and to those who desire to imitate me. All these brothers have also bound themselves to this as I have. And therefore, after I resigned the office among the brothers because of my illnesses and other reasonable causes, I am not bound at all except to pray for the religion and to show good example. For I have this from the Lord and know in truth that if my illness had not excused me, the greater help I can render to the religion is to spend time every day in prayer to the Lord for it, that He govern, preserve, and protect it.*”

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“The solemn yet harried preparation for a holiday feast is usually the image accompanying the December calendar in a Book of Hours. The image displayed here is a rare and delightful departure from convention. Through color the artist has beautifully captured the chill of a winter day, and he skillfully conveys the excitement of a snowball fight. All is not play, however, for in the distant background, work still goes on. But for a wonderful moment, the world is a playground. This Prayer Book was created ca. 1520-30, likely in Brussels, in the style of the Master of Charles V. It consists entirely of single folios that were added in or moved around in the book, rendering collation unfeasible. Many of these intricate and high-quality miniatures were reproduced through chromolithography by Léon Gruel in his *Petites Heures*, published in Paris in 1875. The calendar is especially charming and features seasonally relevant illustrations. The suffrages contain detailed and illusionistic figures, including one for St. Elizabeth of Hungary. The contents of the calendar suggest a Franciscan affinity.” Leaf from Book of Hours: Snowball Fight, CCO, The Walters Art Gallery, Style of Master of Charles V, Flemish, circa 1520-1530

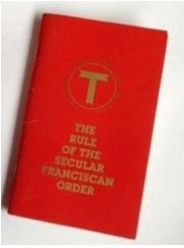
## Franciscan at Home: Free Online Courses

is a new initiative by Franciscan University of Steubenville. The program offers open online courses at no cost for individuals seeking to better market themselves in the workplace, to explore academic fields, or simply for the love of learning. Courses will be available in a variety of disciplines and are faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Upon completion of a course, students will receive a "Statement of Completion."



The inaugural course is presented by Franciscan University president, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR and is entitled "The Theology of Pilgrimage." This course, built upon Pope St. John Paul II's statement that "all of the spiritual life is a pilgrimage to the heart of the Father," reflects upon the human journey towards heaven. Whether you are preparing for a physical pilgrimage or are merely seeking spiritual formation for the trials and struggles of daily life, Fr. Dave's reflections on his own spiritual journey—drawing especially from his pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago—will draw you closer to the heart of the Father. Sign up at <https://franciscan.edu/freecourses/>.

### The Rule Review



So that we might more fully live the Gospel Life, Secular Franciscans should not just read *The Rule*, but reflect on and pray with *The Rule*.

23. 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.<sup>37</sup> Admission into the Order is gradually attained through a time of initiation, a period of formation of at least one year, and profession of the Rule.<sup>38</sup> 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.<sup>39</sup> Profession by its nature is a permanent commitment.<sup>40</sup> Members who find themselves in particular difficulties should discuss their problems with the council in fraternal dialogue. Withdrawal or permanent dismissal from the Order, if necessary, is an act of the fraternity council according to the norm of the constitutions.<sup>41</sup>

23. 재속 프란치스코회의 지원은 단위 형제회에 하며, 평의회가 새 형제들의 입회 여부를 결정합니다. 정회원 입적은 예비기를 제외하고, 적어도 1년간의 양성기를 거쳐 회칙 서약으로 이루어집니다. 이 단계적인 기간동안 전체 형제회는 그들의 생활 태도로 책임을 져야합니다. 서약을 하는 연령과 재속 프란치스코회의 독자적 표지는 제반 규정으로 정합니다. 서약은 그 성질상 영구적인 의무입니다. 특별한 난관에 봉착한 회원들은 자기의 문제를 평의회에서 형제적인 대화로 토의할 수 있습니다. 탈회 혹은 결정적인 제명이 필요한 경우에는 회헌의 규정에 따라 형제회의 평의회가 결정합니다.

**References:** 37. Can. 694. now: Can. 307; 38. Memoriale propositi 29-30; 39. 1 Celano 22 (1 FA:ED, 1Cel 22, p. 202); 40. Memoriale propositi 31; 41. Can. 696. now: Can. 308

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order (with citations) may be accessed at anytime at:

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-rule-of-the-secular-franciscan-order/>

**Please note that the English and Spanish versions have updated 2020 translations.**

## **The Shrine of St. Anthony**

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard are open daily dawn till dusk.  
If you have any questions please contact the Front Office at 410-531-2800;  
[www.shrineofstanthony.org](http://www.shrineofstanthony.org)

## **Happy Anniversary**

On the 1st anniversary of your profession:

Dawn Glennon, OFS	07/11/21
Ray Glennon, OFS	07/11/21
Deanna Williston, OFS	07/11/21

## **Happy Birthday!**

Jeanne Kerins, OFS	07/11
Gerry Pinkas, OFS	07/18

### ***Coming Next Month:***

<i>Louise Hotovy, OFS</i>	<i>08/14</i>
<i>Jim Tebo, OFS</i>	<i>08/20</i>
<i>Rosemary Whelan, OFS</i>	<i>08/20</i>
<i>Gail Bunyan, OFS</i>	<i>08/21</i>



## **August Events:**

- ◆ Gathering
- ◆ August 21 \* **Third Sunday**
- ◆ 2pm in the Classroom
- ◆ Come and support your new Council!

## **Welcome, Visitors!**

*Want to find out more about the Secular Franciscans?*

- ◆ Attend a meeting. We meet (usually) on the third Sunday of the month at 2 pm.
- ◆ Check out our website:  
<http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our-fraternity/>
- ◆ Check out our regional website:  
<http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website:  
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

## **Moving or Changing Status?**

Our sister, Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS, needs to know of any change of your contact information, but also, would like to be able to pray with you for any changes in your health or living situation. Please email Melissa at:

[ScoutsDouglas@yahoo.com](mailto:ScoutsDouglas@yahoo.com)



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## **Book Share– Admonition 15**

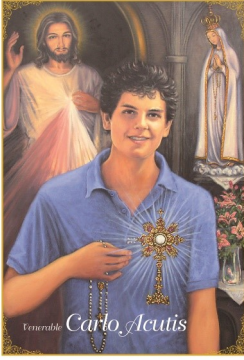
### **The Peacemakers**

Join our online book sharing and delve more deeply into: *St. Francis' Sermon on the Mount: Lessons from the Admonitions* by John Michael Talbot.

Friends old and new usually meet on the first Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:  
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**Next meeting is August 6**



**Please Pray for Healing for:**

Karan Bevers, OFS  
Gail Bunyan, OFS  
Harry Ford, OFS  
Louise Hotovy, OFS  
Mike Hotovy, OFS

Sherry Lewis, OFS  
Lita Maisel, OFS  
Jim Tebo, OFS  
Jerry Yu, OFS

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**Our Deceased**

**Brothers & Sisters:**

Connie Baker, OFS  
Frances Bastress, SFO  
Dea. Tom Bello, OFS  
Joe Bezila, SFO  
Mary Chandler, OFS  
Jerry Cichowicz, SFO  
Shirley Costello, OFS  
Joe Cykoski, SFO  
Stella Cykoski, SFO  
Claire Lee Davidson, SFO  
Adela Duff, SFO

Donna Duncan, SFO  
Charles Ferrara, SFO  
Mary Ferrara, SFO  
Dolores Fritz, OFS  
Marilyn Gilson, SFO  
Richard Hall, SFO  
John Kirby, SFO  
Joy Kubricky, OFS  
Frances Langbehn, SFO  
Bob Lewis, SFO  
Marie Lindung, OFS  
Jean Manning, OFS  
Jim Manning, OFS

Georgianna Papazian, OFS  
Yvonne Proch, SFO  
Nancy Seaton, SFO  
Jean Singleton, OFS  
Don Sweitzer, OFS  
Betty Taylor, SFO  
Bud Tenley, SFO  
Regina Yeager, SFO  
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO  
  
Fr. Cronin Cantlon, OFM Conv.  
Fr. James Elliott, OFM Conv.  
Fr. Larry Kubera, OFM Conv.

**UPCOMING GATHERING:**

**\* July 17 \* 3rd Sunday \***  
**◆ Chapel \* 3PM \***

**The Profession of Will Potter**

**Stay for light refreshments.**

*“When tempted to despair, I have only one resource: to throw myself at the foot of the tabernacle like a little dog at the foot of his master.” -St. John Vianney*



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