



# ***THE FLYER***

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

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**August 21, 2022**

**Gathering \* New Time 1:30PM**

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

## **Greetings from Brother Lawrence**

Good day to everyone, It is the summer and vacations are at their peak: the beach or the mountains, ballparks (my personal favorite), and amusement parks— so much to do and so little time for all of it. What exactly are vacations all about? I think that they are for getting away from the worldly work of our lives and to take a break by enjoying ourselves, our relatives, or friends both old-friends and ones you just met on the jumbo-water slide, but there is also an important Franciscan element to it as well—fraternity.

I think that it is safe to say that most of us are not loners when it comes to vacationing, but we have others who make the trips with us or we go to see relatives or friends somewhere and spend time with them. The visiting may be an annual event, and so we want to do things together, but we also want to catch up with each other and what is going on. In families, it may be seeing people for the first time in awhile and seeing how the little ones have grown since the last time. Yes, I would say, for me, the best part of vacationing is the catching-up with family and friends.

There was an incident that happened to me several years ago. It began in the school library where I proctored a senior study hall. It was April and the seniors had just a few weeks left to go, when one comes into the library and says to me, “I think we are related!” Actually, it was a second cousin of mine who had married into the student’s family about two decades before. At the Baccalaureate the next month, I went over to see him and congratulate him and I met his mother, an aunt, and when I turned to the last member of the group, she said, “You don’t remember me, do you?” Yes, it was my cousin. Honestly, what she had said was true, for the last time I had likely seen her was when she was about 10, a good four decades ago. But it was great to see her and that really made that evening better than most. *(cont. on page 2)*

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

## Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This year, we have focused on the Eucharist. The Pew study, issued Aug. 5, 2019, showed that 69% of all self-identified Catholics said they believed the bread and wine used at Mass are not Jesus, but instead "symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ."

Saint Francis wrote to his friars:

Behold, each day He humbles Himself as when He came *from His royal throne* [Ps 4:3] into the Virgin's womb; [Wis 18:15] each day He Himself comes down to us, appearing humbly; each day He comes down *from the bosom of the Father* [Jn 1:18] upon the altar in the hands of the priest. As He revealed Himself to the holy apostles in true flesh, so He reveals Himself to us now in sacred bread. (Adm 1:16-19; FA:ED, vol. 1, 129; [www.FranciscanTradition.org](http://www.FranciscanTradition.org))

Take 10 minutes to view the following YouTube video from Bishop Barron; we will use this as a launching point for our discussion at the August gathering, Bishop Barron on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJjW3LXuHzo> .

Has the Eucharist become a mere symbol in your life? Or do you see Him?

Peacefully:  
Melissa, OFS  
Minister

The Pew Study may be found at: <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/08/05/transubstantiation-eucharist-u-s-catholics/>

*(Brother's Greeting, cont. from pg. 1)*

Our lives are so up and down, in and out, or however one wishes to explain it, and it is these close encounters that can make our day. It takes us back to yesterday when things seemed to be much different and much more simple. It also makes us enjoy the surprise of the event itself or the re-meeting of someone from the past. They are real moments to treasure. So, I hope that everyone has one of these surprise encounters or just a wonderful day at the beach, hiking in the mountains, or watching a ball game in a ball park (although to tell the truth, I enjoy watching my nieces and nephews playing on the sandlot more than the big-leaguers in a giant stadium). After all, that is an aspect of the Franciscan living of fraternity even if it comes but once a year.

~Brother Lawrence

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## Treasurer's Report

June—2022

### 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

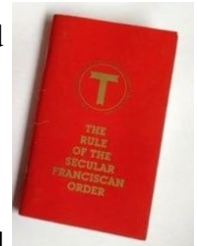
**c/o address above.**

Contact Bill with any bill pay questions.

Beginning (running) Balance	<u>\$1992.12</u>
<u>Income::</u>	
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 915.00
Total Income:	<u>\$915.00</u>
Intermediate Subtotal:	<u>\$2907.12</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Spiritual Assistant:	\$100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$100.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$200.00</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$2707.12</u>

### 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*.



24. To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity.<sup>42</sup> This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.<sup>43</sup>

24. 평의회는, 회원 상호간에 영적 친교를 증진시키기 위해 공동체의 정기적인 집회와 빈번한 만남을 가져야 하며, 이와 같이 다른 프란치스칸 그룹, 특히 청년 그룹과도 회합을 가져야 합니다. 그래서 프란치스코회원으로써 또는 신자로서의 생활 향상을 위해 적절한 수단을 써야하며, 모든 이가 형제회 생활에 열심하도록 격려해야 합니다. 이 친교는 사망한 형제들과도 그들 영혼을 위해 기도를 바쳐 줌으로써 계속됩니다.

**References:** 42: Can. 697. now: Can. 309. 43 *Memoriale propositi* §23.

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.**

## What do Charity and Franciscans have in common?

Volumes can be written about the word charity and how it works. If I may, I would like to touch on how kindness and charity go hand in hand and how it relates to being a Franciscan.

We need to look at what charity is, what is involved, and how we put this word into action. Charity comes in many forms; relief to the poor, almsgiving, social justice responsibilities, compassion, unselfishness, a humanitarian act, kindness, and the list goes on.

These acts of charity are a supernatural virtue. Our charitable works show love for God above all things, as well as our love for others. It is a virtue based on divine faith, our belief in God.

So, what does the word charity mean for us Franciscans? Being charitable towards each other, donating money to a charity, volunteering in helping the poor, and on and on. So, charity can be summed up in one word, kindness. Francis and his band of brothers, Clare and her community of sisters, all relied on the charity and kindness of others for survival.

That being said, what do Franciscan and charity have in common?

From the General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order:

Article 17.4 - ...prayer and works of penance and charity all put into practice by the brothers and sisters above all in their own family, then in the fraternity, and finally through their active presence in the local Church and society.

Rule 2 - ...In these fraternities the brothers and sisters, led by the Spirit, strive for perfect charity in their secular state. By their profession, they pledge themselves to live the gospel in the manner of Saint Francis by means of this rule approved by the Church.

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There are several good examples in the Church Catechism that give a better understanding of why charity is so important for the survival of our faith:

**826**...Charity is the soul of the holiness to which all are called: it "governs, shapes, and perfects all the means of sanctification."

**1825** ...Charity does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. "Charity bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**1826** ...Charity is superior to all the virtues. It is the first of the theological virtues: "So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But the greatest of these is charity."

**1827** The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which "binds everything together in perfect harmony"; it is the form of the virtues; it articulates and orders them among themselves; it is the source and the goal of their Christian practice. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love.

**1829** The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest.

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As Franciscans, it is our responsibility to live a charitable, spiritual life, and to live the gospel as a model for ourselves and others. This can be accomplished by showing love and kindness, (charity) by being of service to our neighbors, especially the outcast in our society. Thus, this virtue can be witnessed in and outside of our fraternity by helping to make a difference in the lives of others. Charity comes from the heart and kindness brings it to the forefront, so it can be poured out to others in love.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve the needs of others, help us to give, and not to count the cost. (*Liturgy of the Hours, Week II, Friday morning prayer*)

**Bob Longo, OFS**



## WINE AT THE SHRINE

Wine at the Shrine is an event benefiting two wonderful organizations, **The Franciscan Center of Baltimore** and **Little Portion Farm** who are working in collaboration to assist the most vulnerable in our community and to care for the earth. This partnership allows us to provide thousands of pounds of fresh, local produce to those who are most in need, and often lack access to these foods. We believe that social, economic, and environmental health are deeply intertwined, which is why we are working together to provide economically disadvantaged individuals and families in Baltimore with healthy food grown in healthy soil.

We hope you can join us on **October 15, 2022** for a day of delicious beer and wine, local food trucks, live music, hayrides, Little Portion Farm tours, and kids activities – all on the beautiful grounds of the Shrine of St. Anthony.



Check for updates at: [www.WineAtTheShrine.org](http://www.WineAtTheShrine.org)



## **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)

### **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/>

## **September Events:**

- ◆ Picnic with the Region!
- ◆ September 18 \* **Third Sunday**
- ◆ 12 Noon - 4pm in the Courtyard
- ◆ Fraternity, fun, and food!
- ◆ See page 7 of Newsletter

## **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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# **Happy Anniversary**

On the anniversary of your profession:

Brother Lawrence LaFlame, OFM Conv  
08/15



# **Happy Birthday!**

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

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

<i>Dawn Glennon, OFS</i>	<i>09/05</i>
<i>Bill Siefken, OFS</i>	<i>09/06</i>
<i>Pat Frederick, OFS</i>	<i>09/22</i>
<i>Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS</i>	<i>09/24</i>
<i>Mike King, OFS</i>	<i>09/25</i>



## **Book Share– Admonition 16**

### **Purity of Heart**

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:  
[Angelbarty@aol.com](mailto:Angelbarty@aol.com)

**Next meeting is September 3**



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity will have our annual picnic on  
**Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4pm** in the  
Shrine's courtyard. This picnic will be our September Gathering.

Please sign up by  
contacting Charlie Heyden at [cheyden2@comcast.net](mailto:cheyden2@comcast.net) or 410 215 9079  
no later than September 4th.

We are asking each attendee to bring **one** of the following items:

Main Dishes (NO electrical source will be available for heating)  
Side & Salad Dishes (cold; e.g. Macaroni, potato, bean or veggie salad)

Desserts - all sorts (YUM!)

Cut tomatoes

Cut lettuce

Cut onions

Jars of Pickles

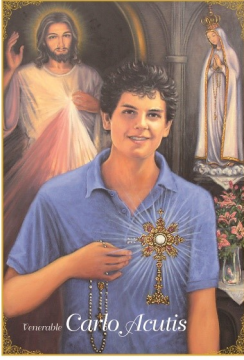
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Drinks – Soda, Gatorade both regular and Diet

**We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, starting at 9 am on the day of the picnic  
and for volunteers to clean-up after which usually takes about half an hour if several  
people volunteer.**

Please mark all bowls and utensils with your name & make sure you take the containers and  
utensils home with you, as well as whatever that is not eaten must go back home with you.  
The fraternity is not responsible for items left behind after clean-up.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful fraternity event.



**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

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Yvonne Proch, SFO  
Nancy Seaton, SFO  
Jean Singleton, OFS  
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Betty Taylor, SFO  
Bud Tenley, SFO  
Regina Yeager, SFO  
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO  
  
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“Recognize in this bread  
what hung on the cross,  
and in this chalice  
what flowed from his side...  
whatever was in many and varied ways announced  
beforehand  
in the sacrifices of the Old Testament - pertains to  
this one sacrifice  
which is revealed in the New Testament.”  
~St. Augustine

(Image of St. Francis, Workshop of Annibale Carracci, 1560-1609, The Walters Art Gallery, CC0, brightness increased)



**UPCOMING GATHERING:**

**\* August 21 \* 3rd Sunday \***  
**◆ Glassroom \* 1:30PM \***  
**Come early & socialize**