

Up to Now

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Be Family in Christ

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Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing.

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Fr. Philippus Philippus, OFM/Cap

SING OF MARY

With all due respect to the month of May, August is a very Marian month. On the 5th, we celebrate the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. On the 15th, we celebrate Mary's Assumption and on the 22nd, her Queenship. Of course, on the 2nd, we Franciscans celebrate her as Our Lady of the Porziuncula. As we prepare to praise God for all that He accomplished in Mary's life, let us recall the praises that St. Francis himself composed in her honor and, what is more, what his praises say about us who utter them.

Thomas of Celano tells us that Francis had a tremendous love for Mary. "He embraced the Mother of Jesus with inexpressible love, since she made the Lord of Majesty a brother to us. He honored her with his own Praises, poured out prayers to her, and offered her his love in a way that no human tongue can express (2 Celano, 198)." Among those prayers and praises, Francis' Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary holds pride of place.

Hail, O Lady,
Holy Queen,
Mary, holy Mother of God,
Who are the Virgin made Church,
chosen by the most Holy Father in heaven
whom he consecrated with His most holy beloved Son
and with the Holy Spirit the Paraclete,
in whom there was and is
all fullness of grace and every good.



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Regional Minister's Message



WHAT DO CHARITY AND BEING FRANCISCAN HAVE IN COMMON?

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

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 that 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, humanitarian acts, 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.

So 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 Catholic 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)

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

Bob Longe, OFS

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Minister

("Mary" from page 1)

Hail His Palace!
Hail His Tabernacle!
Hail His Dwelling!
Hail His Robe!
Hail His Servant!
Hail His Mother!

And hail all You, holy virtues,
which are poured into the hearts of the faithful
through the grace and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit,
that from being unbelievers,
You may make them faithful to God.

High praise, indeed! Scholars associate it with Francis' Salutation of the Virtues. That is not surprising, considering how his Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary concludes. Those virtues—Wisdom, Simplicity, Poverty, Humility, Charity and Obedience—may be seen as perfectly present in Mary, "in whom there was and is all fullness of grace and every good." For now, Francis' Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is rich enough to command our attention.

So what do we see in Francis' *Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*? Much that is familiar: Mary is hailed as Lady, Queen, and Mother of God. She is her Son's Palace, Tabernacle, Dwelling, Robe, Servant, and Mother. One salutation stands out as both amazing and mystifying. Did you catch it? Francis praises Mary as "the Virgin made Church." That is not a title we hear very often—if at all. What did Francis mean by it? And what might it mean for us? Let us find out.

"Virgin made Church." What did Francis mean? The best way to approach the question is by first asking what the Church is. So what is the Church? The Church is the Body of Christ, the People of God, the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The list of images goes on! At the heart of all those images, though, lies this fundamental truth of our Catholic faith: the Church is the place of encounter between God

and humanity—indeed, between God and all creation.

The Church is where God's Word takes flesh and continues His saving mission of bringing God's own life into the world. It is in this living temple of God's people that men and women receive the Spirit of the Lord in the waters of Baptism, hear God's Word proclaimed from the Scriptures, and feast on the Body and Blood of God's Son in the Eucharist, and so themselves become Jesus' Body and Blood—real nourishment for a world that is starving for the justice, love and peace that only God can give. And that gift is Jesus, alive for the world in us, His Church.

Do we do this perfectly? Of course not! There is plenty of sin in the Church, but as St. Paul taught us, where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more (Romans 5:20)! This is a truth that Francis knew well enough in his own life. I dare say that all of us have known that truth in our lives, too. Mary also knew it, though a preeminent way—not as a sinner, but as someone who knew what it meant to be so full of the grace of God's Word that from her, He was able to take life in our world. As Francis told us in his *Second Letter to the Faithful*, that is our vocation, too.

[We are mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ] when we bear Him in our heart and body through love and pure and sincere conscience; we give birth to Him through a holy activity, which must shine as an example to others (50-53).

Francis' *Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* is his praise to God for all that God accomplished in Mary's life, but it is also a song to God for all that He is accomplishing in our lives. We are called to allow the grace of God's Word so to penetrate our lives that we become ever more fully His Church, and allow God's Son to take life in everything we say and do among the people with whom we share our lives. In this Marian month of August, there is no better praise we can offer God than that.

Br. Russel Murray, OFM
Regional Spiritual Assistant



If you were unable to attend the Secular Franciscan Quinquennial Congress, you can hear the major talks by going to

<https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/updates-from-the-q-august-3rd-through-7th-2022/>.



David B. Couturier, OFM Cap.

"Called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world: Secular Franciscans as a Community of Care and Moral Transformation."



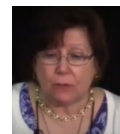
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

"Rebuilding the Church in the Spirit of Saint Francis: Secular Franciscans in the age of Pope Francis"



Minister General Tibor Kauser, OFS, and Vice-Minister General Mary Stronach, OFS

"Our Franciscan Calling in the Spirit of Conversion"



Catholic Ecumenical Dialogues in the USA – A Brief History, Part 4

“That they all may be one” (John 17:21)

Greetings, everyone! Part four of my continuing article on dialogues of the Catholic Church of the United States with other Christian Churches and ecclesial communities deals with the National Council of Churches, North American Orthodox-Catholic. Again, the information here is based upon a reference of the above-named as well as the expertise of consultants and interns. Once again, mentioned here is SEIA, the Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which promotes the ongoing programs and plans of the Bishop’s Committee of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCEIA) specializing in relations with other Christian and interreligious concerns.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



The Bishop’s Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCEIA) maintains a cordial relationship with the National Council of Churches (NCC), even

though the USCCB is not a full member. Their partnership began shortly after the Second Vatican Council, when the NCC changed its administrative structure, approved a new strategic plan, and moved its offices to Washington, D.C. This new plan focused on Faith and Order, advocacy, education, and interreligious dialogue. The BCEIA sends representatives to the current Faith and Order Commission and to the Committee on Interreligious Dialogue. In May 2014, the first meeting of the NCC under the new structure was held.

The Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (SEIA) works closely with the NCC on common concerns and issues. At the “Rally to End Racism” of April 3-5, 2017, the SEIA partnered with the NCC in support. The rally was held at the capital. The NCC also partnered with the USCCB in implementing the Pastoral Letter on Racism.

NORTH AMERICAN ORTHODOX- CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL CONSULTATION



In 1965, initiated by the Orthodox side, the official dialogue between the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches of the United States began. Since then, more than 30 statements of agreement on a wide variety of topics have been released. Among the most important of them were documents on “Baptism and Sacramental Economy,” issued in 1999. This contained the recommendation that the Ecumenical Patriarchate withdraw its 1755 decree requiring the re-baptism of Latin Catholics. Also among the most important were “The Filioque: A Church-Dividing Issue?” (2003), which proposed that the Catholic Church resume reciting the Nicene Creed in its original form without the Filioque clause, and “Steps toward a Re-united Church: A Sketch of an Orthodox-Catholic Vision for the Future” (2010), which contained solid measures that could be taken to enhance the communion that already exists among the churches. In 2014, it also put out a brief statement requesting a lifting of the ban on the ordination of married men to the priesthood by bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America. Since then, the Consultation, in 2015, issued a statement on the 50th anniversary of the dialogue, as well as a response to the “Chieti Document” produced by the international dialogue.

In 2014, approval of the reorganization of the Orthodox Episcopal Assemblies in the Americas was announced. Prior to this, there was a single Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North America. The reorganization provides for separate assemblies for the United States and Canada. The Orthodox bishops of Mexico are attached to the assembly in Latin America. This allows the “Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America” to correspond more closely with the USCCB.

In the next Up To Now, part five of my article on Catholic Ecumenical Dialogues in the USA will include The National Council of Churches and the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological.

Peace and all Good
Mike Huether
Regional Vice Minister and
Ecumenical/Interfaith Chairman

Mark Your Calendar

**Commemoration of the
Transitus of St. Francis of
Assisi, October 3, 2022.**

Notification of individual
celebrations will be provided.



**National Visitations and Chapter of Ministers Week-
end/Annual Meeting, November 4-6, 2022,
[Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center](#)**

Wednesday Morning (A Robin's Protest)

The morning seeps itself across the low clouds
like a painter who has muddled the water.

Pale, questioning—turning up the east
like the underside of a puddle.

Yet, this light still reaches me. Piercing
through the early chill, the cut of rain

as it falls across my face.

If I open my mouth, I can drink the atmosphere.

What of the robin? Stuttering across the grass,
opening her beak to me in protest

as I dare to pass her grass, bend down
and outstretch my hand to her goodness.

She flutters her wings in indignation,
casting me a scornful look. Flees to the next yard.

I cannot find reason to argue with her.
I, too, must hurry along on my way.

I, too, must stutter across the sidewalk
and flutter my hand at the crosswalk,
sharing a smile with a driver who lets me pass.
(who must let me pass, it is the law, but still)

I, too, open my mouth to the young day
and catch its wonder in my teeth;

let the washed-out gray-blue miracle
flick against my lips, sting my cold hands.

I turn my face up, close my eyes,
and breathe.

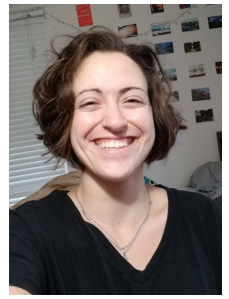
Victoria (Tori) Wangler, DC Service Corps volunteer and FMS Development Associate, wrote this poem after a particularly lovely walk to the FMS office on a Wednesday morning. As Tori explains, “I really enjoy making the commute with my two housemates and fellow office associates, Emily and Joanie. This morning, however, I was walking alone. I opted to not wear ear buds and listen to music or be on my phone; I wanted to completely immerse myself in the miracle that was the morning and the start of a new day.

God is always speaking to us in all that He does and is. All of creation is a glorious reflection of the very being of God—that God exists so vibrantly, fully, and wondrously, and He is always, always with us. During the twenty or so minute walk to work that morning, I took a deep breath and emptied myself before the beauty of God. I focused my senses to feel and notice every part of my walking—the light mist of the rain, the soft gray ocean of clouds, and the particular mannerism of the song birds that litter the yards and gardens of Brookland. I dropped away my worries, nagging thoughts, and looming responsibilities, and I surrendered to the power of God.

This morning was a gift. It helped me reconnect with the truth that I don't need to run to seek out God. I don't need to flee to another place or chip away at my heart to make it perfect before Him. I can show up exactly as I am—slightly late for work, hurrying along the sidewalks and stopping to beckon at the birds. God finds me in every moment, every action, and every breath. If I have the grace and patience to slow down and focus on His goodness, I can live in that truth constantly. How truly wondrous and joyous it is that we are never alone—that God, our dear Creator and Father, is as close to us as the light rain and the gentle breeze. That God is as near to us as our own heartbeats.

About the Author: Hailing from the town of Honeoye Falls in Upstate New York, Victoria Wangler graduated from St. Bonaventure University in May 2021 with her Bachelor of Arts. In 2021-22, Victoria served as Development Associate for Franciscan Mission Service (FMS) through the DC Service Corps volunteer program. In her free time, Victoria enjoys reading, writing poetry, gardening, and cooking.

For more information about FMS and DC Service Corps, visit www.franciscanmissionservice.org.



Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and/or while lathering up in the shower. A running tap can waste over six liters per minute.

Around the Region

WELCOME TO OUR NEW INQUIRERS

Sylvia Raphaelle Lawson-Jackson, St. Francis of Assisi
Faternity, Triangle, Va.
Erin Snow, St. Francis of Assisi Faternity, Triangle, Va.



St. Francis of Assisi new Inquirers: Raphaella Lawson, Inquirer; Mike Ryan, OFS, Formation Director; Jim O'Shaughnessy, OFS, Formator; Ulli Vaerst, OFS, Erin Snow, Inquirer

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY PROFESSED

Wendy Mellenthin, OFS, Companions of Francis and Clare,
Salem, Va.
Sandie Tapia, OFS, Companions of Francis and Clare, Salem, Va.
Michelle Thomas, OFS, Companions of Francis and Clare,
Salem, Va.
Paul Wyar, OFS, Companions of Francis and Clare, Salem, Va.



Companions of Francis and Clare Faternity newly professed: Paul Wyar, OFS; Wendy Mellenthin, OFS; Fr. Louie Canino, OFM; Sandie Tapia, OFS; Michelle Thomas, OFS

Amy Bilyeau, OFS, Mt. St. Sepulchre Faternity,
Washington, D.C.



Mt. St. Sepulchre Faternity newly professed: Michelle Dunne, OFS, Minister; Amy Bilyeau, OFS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

Portiuncula Fraternity, Kearneysville, W.V.

Minister: Carl Ewald
Vice Minister: Nancy Caroselli
Secretary: Cheryl Ewald
Treasurer: Kathleen York
Formation Director: Beth Benedetto



Portiuncula Fraternity newly elected: Sita Chakrawarti, OFS, Area Councillor; Carl Ewald, OFS, Minister; Nancy Caroselli, OFS, Vice Minister; Kathleen York, OFS, Treasurer; Cheryl Ewald, OFS, Secretary; Beth Benedetto OFS, Formation Director; Spiritual Delegate Deacon David Galvin.

St. Bonaventure Fraternity (Korean), Fairfax, Va.

Minister: James Suk Hyun Nam, OFS
Vice Minister: Alberto Suk Beom Bae, OFS
Secretary: Maria Mee Kyung Litzelman, OFS
Treasurer: Susanna Hye Sook Choi, OFS
Formation Director: Gabriela Kye Sook Lee, OFS
Councilor: Helen Soon Im Lee, OFS



St. Bonaventure Fraternity newly elected: James Suk Hyun Nam, OFS, Minister; Alberto Suk Beom Bae, OFS, Vice Minister; Maria Mee Kyung Litzelman, OFS, Secretary; Susanna Hye Sook Choi, OFS, Treasurer; Gabriela Kye Sook Lee, OFS, Formation Director; Helen Soon Im Lee, OFS, Councilor

St. Joseph Fraternity, York, Pa.

Minister: Richard Erdlen, OFS
Vice Minister: Mary J Fero, OFS
Secretary: Sheila Krause, OFS
Treasurer: Greg Gering, OFS
Formation Director: Victoria Wharton, OFS
Councilor: Claudia Casseday, OFS

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NEWLY ELECTED (CONTINUED)

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.

Minister: Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS

Vice Minister: Charlie Heyden, OFS

Secretary: France Staudenmann, OFS

Treasurer: Bill Siefken, OFS

Formation Director: Jeanne Kerins, OFS

Councilor at Large: Bob Longo, OFS

Councilor at Large: Ray Glennon, OFS



St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity newly elected: Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer, OFS, Minister; Charlie Heyden, OFS, Vice Minister; France Staudenmann, OFS, Secretary; Bill Siefken, OFS, Treasurer; Jeanne Kerins, OFS, Formation Director; Bob Longo, OFS, Councilor; Ray Glennon, OFS, Councilor

St. Thomas More Fraternity, Harrisburg, Pa..

Minister: Andrea Richardson

Vice Minister: Dr. Ian Langella

Secretary: David Artz

Treasurer: Marianne Fisher

Formation Director: Deb Salldin

Councilor at Large: Barbara Acri

Councilor at Large: Thomas Kanec



St. Thomas More Fraternity newly elected: Thomas Kane, OFS, Councilor; Marianne Fisher, OFS, Treasurer; David Artz, OFS, Secretary; Andrea Richardson, OFS, Minister; Dr. Ian Langella, OFS, Vice Minister; Deb Salldin, OFS, Formation Director; Barbara Acri, OFS, Councilor

LOSSES IN THE FAMILY



William David Brewster, OFS, October 29, 1943-July 15, 2022. He was a member of Tau Fraternity and was professed on February 8, 2013.



Marv Floom, OFS, July 3, 1946-July 21, 2022. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va., and was professed on August 11, 2018.

Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel, Fr. John Riccardo, Copyright 2020, The Word Among Us, Frederick, Md.

Once we understand that the gospel is not merely good news but explosive, life-changing news, we will never be the same again. Amazon review.

The cover is a bit misleading; however, it captures the gung-ho writing style of Fr. John Riccardo. I will never forget one passage: "Jesus turned water into wine; we have turned the wine into water with our lukewarm reponse..."

The book is divided into four parts.

Created. A beautiful, insightful look into the Genesis creation story; how to understand the writing style and the uniqueness of this creation story compared to the other Near Eastern myths. God made us to be loved and to love.

Captured. "Or, What the Hell Happened?" introduced me to a detailed back-ground of Lucifer and the angels that rebelled against God. It wasn't pride but the envy of man, an inferior creature that the angels were to serve, that caused the rebellion. So Lucifer and his crew set out to destroy, enslave, and degrade man instead of serve him.

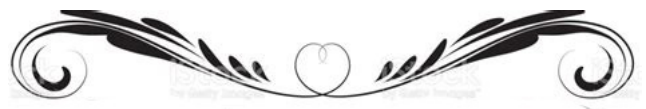
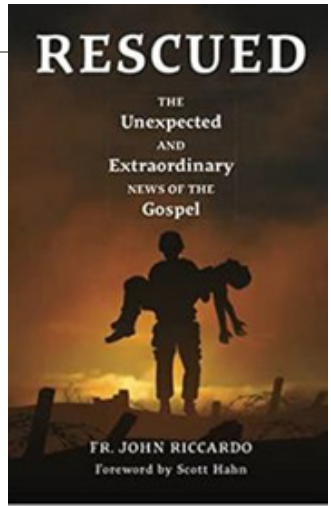
Rescued. A fascinating discussion of our redemption by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, supported with quotes from early church writings. Fr. John's refers to Jesus as "the ambush predator"—refers to the tactic of snakes, spiders, etc., to lie motionless while camouflaged to attract prey, and then to attack them. Jesus chose to die. When he dies on the cross, "it is accomplished": His entry into death in order to to destroy it.

Response. We are now agents of sabotage as we work with God to get His world back.

Joan Faltot, Minister

St. Conrad Fraternity (Annapolis)

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Genevieve (Jenny) Mary Moreira, OFS, December 31, 1932-May 31, 2022. She was a member of Saint Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, Md., and was ptofessed on May 8, 1979. She served as minister, vice minister, and 11 years on the formation team.

Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

(Click on the name to go to a Web link.)

AUGUST

- 16 **[Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro](#)**, Third Order Secular, hermit (d. 1350)
- 17 **[St. Roch of Montpellier](#)**, Confessor, Third Order Secular (c. 1295-August 16, 1327)
- 18 **[Bl. John Louis Loir and Companions](#)**, Priests and Martyrs of Rochefort
- 19 **[St. Louis of Toulouse](#)**, Bishop, Order of Friars Minor (February 9, 1274-August 19, 1297)
- 21 **[St. Pius X](#)**, Pope, Third Order Secular (June 2, 1835-August 20, 1914)
- 23 **[Bl. Bernard of Offida](#)**, Friar, OFM Capuchin (November 7, 1604-August 22, 1694)
- 25 **[St. Louis IX](#)**, King of France, Patron of the Third Order Secular (April 15, 1214-August 25, 1270)
- 25 **[Bl. Maria del Transito Cabanillas](#)**, Founder, Franciscan Tertiary Missionary Sisters (August 15, 1821-August 25, 1885)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **[St. Beatrice of Silva](#)**, Founder, Conceptionist Poor Clares (c. 1424-August 9, 1492)
- 2 **[Bls. Apollinaris of Posat, John Francis Burté, Severin Girault](#)**, Priests, and companions, martyrs, First and Third Orders (d. 1792)
- 4 **[St. Rose of Viterbo](#)**, Third Order Secular (c. 1233-March 6, 1251)
- 6 **[Bl. Liberatus of Lauro](#)**, Priest, First Order (d. 1260)
- 7 **[Bl. Gentle of Matelic](#)**, Priest, First Order, martyr (d. September 5, 1340)
- 8 **[Bl. John Tomachi and Sons](#)**, Third Order Secular, Martyrs (d. September 8, 1628)
- 9 **[Bl. Seraphina Sforza](#)**, Poor Clare Nun (1434-September 8, 1478)
- 10 **[Bl. Lucy de Freitas](#)**, Third Order Secular, martyr (d. 1622)
- 11 **[Bl. Bonaventure of Barcelona](#)**, Friar, Founder Convent of St. Bonaventure (d. 1684)
- 13 **[First Order, Third Order Regular and Secular Franciscans](#)**, martyrs of Japan (d. 1617-1628)
- 17 **[Feast of the Stigmata of our Holy Father Francis](#)**
[St. Zygmunt Szczesny Felinski](#), OFS
Archbishop of Warsaw and Founder, Franciscan Sisters of the Family of Mary (Nov. 1, 1822-Sept. 17, 1895)

- 18 **[St. Joseph of Cupertino](#)**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Conventual (June 17, 1603-September 18, 1663)
- 20 **[St. Francis Mary of Camporosso](#)**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (December 27, 1804-September 17, 1866)
- 21 **[Bl. Elizabeth Amodei](#)**, Third Order Secular (1475-February 4, 1498)
- 22 **[St. Ignatius of Santhia](#)**, Priest, OFM Cap (June 1686-September 22, 1770)
- 23 **[Finding the Body of St. Clare](#)**
[St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (May 25, 1887-September 23, 1968)
- 24 **[St. Pacificus of Severino](#)**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (March 1, 1653-September 24, 1721)
- 26 **[Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa and Companions](#)**, Priest and Martyrs of Valencia (d. 1936)
[Bl. Delphina of Glandenes](#), (1284-November 1358) **[St. Elzear of Sabran](#)**, (1285-September 27, 1323) Husband and Wife, Secular Franciscans
[Bl. Lucy of Caltagirone](#), Third Order Regular (d. c.1400)
- 28 **[Bl. Bernadine of Feltre](#)**, Order of Friars Minor, missionary (1439-September 28, 1494)
[St. John of Dukla](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor Conventual (1414-1484)
- 29 **[Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel](#)**
- 30 **[Bl. Charles of Blois](#)**, Third Order Secular (1319-September 29, 1364)

OCTOBER

- 1 **[Bl. Nicolas of Forca Palena](#)**, Priest, Third Order Regular (September 10, 1349-October 1, 1449)
- 3 **[Commemoration of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi](#)**
- 4 **[Solemnity of our Seraphic Father Saint Francis](#)**
- 5 **[Bl. Felicia Meda](#)**, Order of Poor Clares (1378-September 30, 1444)
- 6 **[St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds](#)**, Third Order Secular (March 25, 1715-October 7, 1791)
- 10 **[St. Daniel and Companions](#)**, Priests, Order of Friars Minor, Martyrs (d. October 10, 1227)
- 10 **[Bl. Marie-Angela Truszkowska](#)**, Founder, Third Order Regular (May 16, 1825-October 10, 1899)
- 11 **[St. Pope John XXIII](#)**, Pope, Third Order Secular (November 25, 1881-June 3, 1963)
- 12 **[St. Seraphin of Montegranaro](#)**, Religious, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (1540-October 12, 1604)

- 13 **Bl. Honorat Kozminski**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (October 16, 1829-December 16, 1916)
- 17 **Bl. Balthazar of Chiavari**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1420-October 17, 1492)
- 18 **Bl. James of Strepur**, Archbishop, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1340-October 1409)
- 19 **St. Peter of Alcántara**, Priest, Franciscan Stricter Observance (1499-October 18, 1562)
- 20 **Bl. Contardo Ferrini**, Third Order Secular (April 5, 1859-October 17, 1902)
- 23 **St. John Capistrano**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (June 24, 1386-October 23, 1456)
- 23 **Bl. Josephine Leroux**, Poor Clare, martyr (January 23, 1747-October 23, 1794)
- 25 **Bl. Maria Jesus Ferragut**, virgin, and companions, martyrs of Valencia [Maria Veronica Masiá, Maria Felicity Masiá Ferragut, Isabel Claduch Rovira, Milagros Ortells Gimeno], Poor Clares, d. 1936
- 26 **Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Conventual (d. October 26, 1711)
- 29 **Bl. Thomas of Florence**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor (1370-October 31, 1447)
- 30 Anniversary of the Dedication in Consecrated Churches of the Seraphic Order
- Bl. Angelo of Acri**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (October 19, 1669-October 30, 1739)
- 31 **Bl. Christophe of Cahors**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1172-October 31, 1272)

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- 3 **Bl. Helen Enselmini**, Poor Clare Nun (1208-November 4, 1242)
- 4 **St. Charles Borromeo**, Secular Franciscan Cardinal, Protector of the Friars Minor (October 2, 1538-November 3, 1584)
- Bl. Teresa Manganiello**, Third Order Secular, (January 1, 1849-November 4, 1876)
- 5 **Commemoration of All the Deceased of the Seraphic Order**
- 6 **Bls. Alfonso López, Priest, and Companions**, Martyrs of the Civil War in Spain (Died 1934, 1936-1939)
- Bl. Marguerite de Lorraine**, Poor Clare Nun (1463-November 2, 1521)
- 7 **St. Didacus of Alcalá**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Observant (c. 1400-November 12, 1463)

- Bl. Raynier of Arezzo**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor (d. 1304)
- 8 **Bl. John Duns Scotus**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor, Doctor of the Church (c. 1266-November 1308)
- 9 **Bl. Gabriel Ferretti**, Priest, First Order (1385-November 12, 1456)
- 11 **Bl. Mary Crucifixa**, Secular Franciscan Order (February 19, 1782-December 16, 1826)
- 12 **Bl. Giovanni della Pace**, Third Order Secular (1353-November 12, 1433)
- 14 **St. Nicholas Tavelic and Companions**, Croatian Friar, Order of Friars Minor, Martyrs of Palestine (c. 1340-November 14, 1391)
- 15 **Bl. Mary of the Passion**, Founder, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (May 21, 1839-November 15, 1904)
- 17 **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**, Secular Franciscan, Patroness of the Third Order (July 7, 1207-November 17, 1231)
- Bl. Jeanne de Signa**, Third Order Regular, Hermit (1244-November 9, 1307)



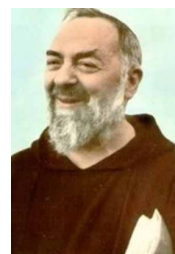
August 25
St. Louis IX
King of France,
Patron of the
Third Order
Secular



September 17
Feast of the
Stigmata of
our Holy Father
Francis



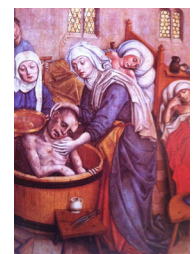
September 18
St. Joseph of
Cupertino



September 23
St. Padre Pio of
Pietrelcina



October 4
Solemnity of
our Seraphic
Father Saint
Francis



November 17
St. Elizabeth
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Secular
Franciscan,
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