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Minister's Message

Peace and all good!

September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The cross was of course made holy by virtue of Christ's sacrifice. Because of that sacrifice, an instrument of torture and humiliation was eternally transformed into a symbol of divine love and human redemption.

Now here's a contemporary question to consider: Can Christ be re-crucified?

In the literal sense, we know this is impossible; the Crucifixion is a one-time and once-and-for-all event. But metaphorically, the answer is "yes." All the time; every day.

What are some of the ways Christ is re-crucified?

Christ is re-crucified whenever humanity wages war or perpetrates intentional violence.

Just one modern nuclear-armed submarine has seven times the destructive power of all the bombs dropped during World War II, including the two atomic bombs dropped on Japan. "Now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds," thought Robert Oppenheimer — dubbed the "father of the atomic bomb" — as he pondered a line from Hindu scripture while witnessing the obliterating power of the world's first nuclear explosion. Will humanity ever use these awesomely ruinous devices again? Will we eventually annihilate ourselves? Pope Francis has unequivocally stated that "the use of nuclear weapons, as well as their mere possession, is immoral."

Of course, it's not simply nuclear weapons that have the potential to tear humanity apart; according to the Council on Foreign Relations' Global Conflict Tracker, there are currently 27 ongoing conflicts worldwide. We excel at making war upon one another.

And then there are firearms: The financial value of the global arms trade in 2019 was at least \$118 billion. As of December 2021, gun violence in the U.S. left 703 people dead and 2,842 injured, for a total of 3,545 victims; in 2022, there have been over 300 American mass shootings so far.

War, conflict, arms trading, gun violence — all of this re-crucifies Christ.

Christ is re-crucified whenever structures of social inequality are built or reinforced.

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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



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Tau Supports a University Missionary

Tau Fraternity sent a monetary donation to support missionary Mary Yee. Mary is serving at Mount St. Mary's in Emmittsburg, MD. Read Mary's story:

“My parents had gifted me the Catholic faith as a young child, but living as a Catholic young adult felt like climbing an uphill battle when I entered college. I felt very alone in the cacophony and God's voice was drowned out among the badgering noises. In all of the confusion, God reached me through my bible study leader and later a missionary. They walked with me in my faith journey, both patient, caring, and intentional, so much so that I had to know what, or should I say who, was the cause of their joy. Ultimately, it was Christ and their relationship grown with Him in prayer, the sacraments, and with fellowship!

Their witness to the faith and their striving towards virtue was so attractive that I also followed in their footsteps of being a bible study leader and now a missionary! This Christ-given joy I have received is not something I want to keep to myself, rather, it compels me every day to go out and tell others of the love of Jesus Christ, so that they too may come to know Him more deeply and intimately, and live life more fully alive.”

To make a personal donation or to partner with Mary, go to [Mary Yee - FOCUS](#)



Elections News

**Voting on
September
11**

For information on the responsibilities of the Council positions, see Articles 49 through 52 of the *General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order*.

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SLATE OF CANDIDATES

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The slate may change prior to the chapter of elections.

**Nominations will be taken
from the floor for all
positions**

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. Nominees must be available to accept the position if elected.

**Must be
professed and
in person to
vote!**

Once the elections begin no one will be allowed to enter. All must be present from beginning to end.

Minister's Message Cont'd

According to World Vision, “up to 811 million people — about 10% of the world’s population — regularly go to bed hungry... More than 48 million people are facing emergency levels of hunger, with the threat of acute malnutrition, starvation, and death, according to the World Food Program (WFP).” World Vision also reports that “689 million people, live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 a day.”

At least half of the world's population cannot obtain essential health services, according to a 2017 report from the World Bank and World Health Organization.

At the end of 2021, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reported that “there are 89.3 million forcibly displaced people worldwide... [as] a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order.” It is estimated that 150 million people are homeless worldwide. Habitat for Humanity estimated in 2016 that 1.6 billion people around the world live in “inadequate shelter.”

Food scarcity, poverty, lack of healthcare, forcible displacement, homelessness, and lack of basic shelter — all of this re-crucifies Christ.

Christ is re-crucified whenever we fail to see Christ in another person.

Years before Trappist monk Thomas Merton had his famous 1958 epiphany at the corner of Fourth and Walnut in Louisville, Anglo-Catholic mystic Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941) made the same spiritual observation — that we are all one in Christ:

“I was in an underground train, a crowded train in which all sorts of people jostled together, sitting and strap-hanging — workers of every description going home at the end of the day. Quite suddenly I saw with my mind, but as vividly as a wonderful picture, Christ in them all... I came out into the street and walked for a long time in the crowds. It was the same here, on every side, in every passer-by, everywhere, Christ... Realization of our oneness in Christ is the only cure for human loneliness! For me, too, it is the only ultimate meaning in life, the only thing that gives meaning and purpose to every life.”

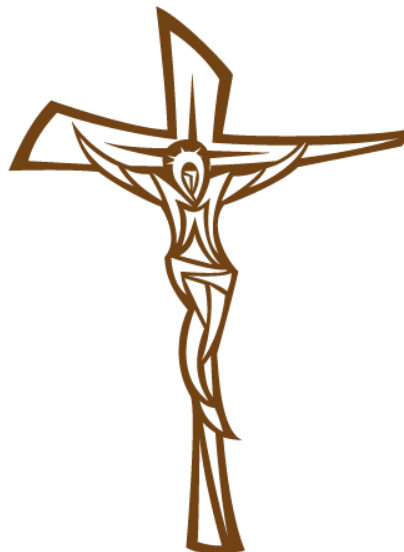
She remarked that the vision later faded.

But that’s our challenge — particularly as Franciscans. To keep the Christ of others before our eyes. To see Christ in them when it’s difficult — maybe almost impossible — to do so.

If we can be peacemakers... If we can work to dismantle barriers of inequality... If we can reverence our oneness in Christ... Can we do these things? When we at least try — and ask in prayer for the help to try — we know that the true meaning of the cross on which Christ was crucified is still a living and potent witness in our world.

Holding you all in prayer,

Kimberley



Recap of Last Gathering

August 7, 2022

OPENING PRAYER:

Offered by Giovanni Tagnesi

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
Forever in the next.
Amen.

PRESENTATION:

Our fraternal visitor Sita Chakrawarti, OFS gave a presentation on multicultural committees. She wanted it to be interactive, so she began by asking what multicultural things Tau is doing. Some of the activities mentioned were:

- We collected underwear for the Afghan refugees
- We are currently in the planning stage for a teaching program for English classes that we believe will include Hispanic people, Iranians, and Afghan refugees
- We provide supplies to the Mother of Mercy free clinic

Sita asked what do you mean by multiculturalism? How do you define it? Some of the responses included:

- People think differently
- Serving people from other countries/other cultures
- People have different values
- People come from different kinds of communities

Sita asked if there's a disconnect in how we define multiculturalism and our multicultural apostolates. Highlights of her comments are as follows:

- We should be embracing the leper
- Multiculturalism is seeing the differences
- It is seeing the value of everyone
- Multiculturalism is listening

ONGOING FORMATION:

Walter Gawlak, OFS began Ongoing Formation discussion with reminder of the poco a poco, little by little model in the introduction of Habits for Holiness: Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress by Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR. He said that following the path of little by little sounds like daily conversion. This is prayer in action. Walter recalled the previous chapter, #6 "Priests by Baptism: Christian, Remember Your Dignity." He said that we cannot do the prophetic call unless we're involved in prayer. Prayer with sacrifice becomes more powerful, richer.

He asked the following questions:

- Do you think you can evangelize without prayer?
- Did you add anyone to your prayer web (either praying for others or receiving prayers from others)?
- Did the chapter impact your prayer life?

An important point in Chapter 7 is being an attractive witness; Franciscans seem joyful. They have a radiant joyfulness. Walter pointed to page 96, where it says:

"Remember, by our Baptism we are given a share in Christ's functions as

Priest, Prophet, and King. While the prophetic call of all the Baptized can't be reduced to evangelization, evangelization is a fundamental aspect of it."

Walter asked did it surprise you that Baptism is a call to evangelization? Tau members responded that the call is more prevalent in Confirmation, but Baptism opens the door. The visitors also participated in the discussion, noting that evangelization is the way we live our lives. Otherwise, words are useless. Walter shared two points from our National Formation Director's "Formation Friday" message on our role as stealth evangelizers:

Recap Cont'd

ONGOING FORMATION:

- Through our Baptism, all Christians are called to be “priests, prophets, and kings.” We are called to proclaim the gospel every day of our lives. In a recent homily, a local pastor spoke about prophets as being the “mouthpieces” of God. As prophets we are to hear God’s word and spread the Gospel.
 - When we are professed, Secular Franciscans deepen our Baptismal commitment. We are called to be in the forefront of evangelization. We may not be knocking on doors or preaching sermons, but if we live our Rule authentically, we are evangelizing, nonetheless. We are STEALTH EVANGELIZERS.
- Walter stated that we are to read the Rule and live it out. He pointed out that Article 14 says that we should evangelize. Walter offered some ideas for evangelizing from the book, including:
- Wear a cross – it engages people and sets you apart
 - Publicly say grace at a meal
 - Conspicuously abstain from eating meat on Fridays
 - Refuse to gossip
 - Tell a lapsed Catholic that you’re Catholic and ask why they no longer practice
 - Ask people if it is ok to pray for them.
- The attendees broke into small groups for discussion. Walter provided the following questions to discuss:
- Are there ways in my own community or family that I can invite people into the family of God?
 - Is there anyone in my life who is far from God and whom God might be inviting me to reach out to?
 - When I try to evangelize, do I feel comfortable asking people questions and hearing their stories?
 - For discernment:
 - Are there people or places where Christ wants me to bring the gospel?
 - Do I really think I can evangelize?

HOLY CROSS PRAYER

Found Under Christ's Sepulcher 1503 AD

O God Almighty, who suffered death upon the cross, particularly for my sins, be with me.

Holy Cross of Jesus, have pity on me.
Holy Cross of Jesus, be my protector.
Holy Cross of Jesus, take away all bitter pains.
Holy Cross of Jesus, take away all evil.
Holy Cross of Jesus, let me walk in the way of salvation.

Preserve me from any temporal accidents, take away any danger of sudden death. I always adore the Holy Cross of Jesus Christ: Jesus of Nazareth crucified, have pity on me; make the spirit of evil leave me for all times.

O Mother of Perpetual Succor. I come before Thy Sacred picture and with a child-like conscience invoke thine aid. Show Thyself a Mother to me now.

Have pity of me. O, dearest Mother of Perpetual Succor, for the love Thou bearest to Jesus and in honor of His Sacred Wounds, help me in this my necessity.

Mention your intentions here.

O Loving Mother,
I leave all to thee in the Name of the Father.
I leave all to thee in the Name of the Son.
I leave all to thee in the Name of the Holy Spirit.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, pray for us.
Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, pray for us.
Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, pray for us.

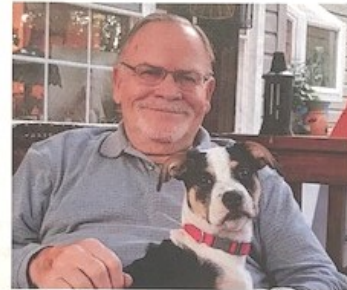
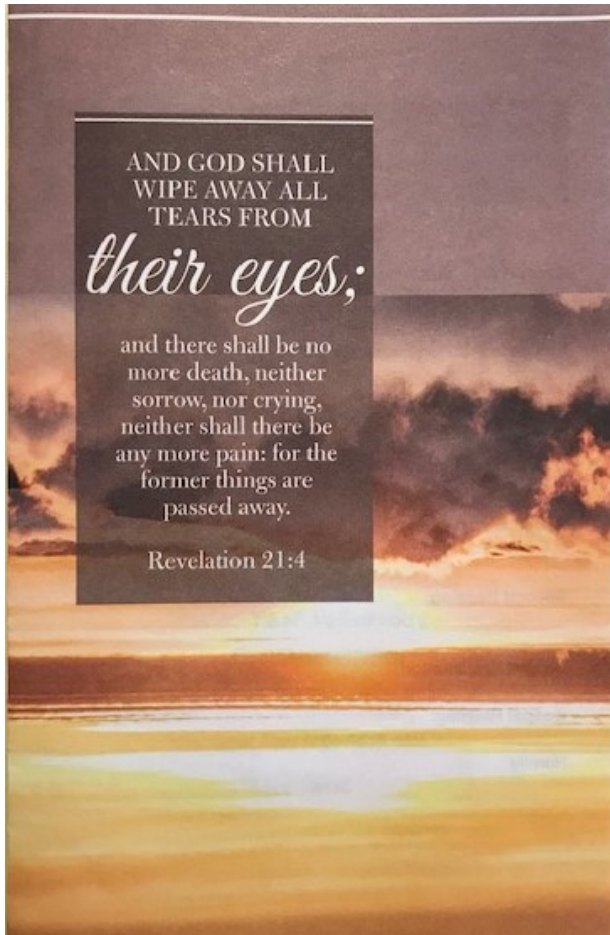
Amen.



[Prayer Found Under Christ's Sepulchre 1503](#)

IN MEMORIAM

Celebrating the Life of Bill Brewster, OFS



Forever in Our Hearts

*We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.
We thought of you yesterday, and days before that, too.
We think of you in silence, we speak your name with pride
And relive our memories of living side by side.
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping - we have you in our heart.*

Author Unknown

The Brewster Family thanks everyone for their kind words, thoughts, prayers and support during this time of sadness.

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**In Loving Memory of
William David Brewster Sr.
October 29, 1943 July 15, 2022**

"Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy"

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned and it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life."

St. Francis of Assisi

Adams Green Funeral Home Herndon, Virginia



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:

- 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 . \(poorclaresnewjersey.com\)](#)

Ecumenical Apostolate

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with this apostolate of the First Baptist Church of Herndon! Here are important dates coming up:

September 13—Volunteers need to be at First Baptist Church for a pre-meeting at 5pm. Registration and assessment will occur from 6 – 8pm.

September 15—First day of class. Baptists and Franciscans will co-teach.

**FAITH without
WORKS is dead**

James 2:17

INDIVIDUAL APOSTOLATES

EXPAND YOUR INDIVIDUAL APOSTOLATE!

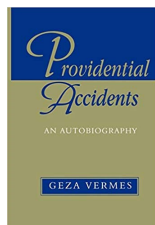
If you are contributing to a collection drive or helping your parish or community, consider inviting your Franciscan brothers and sisters. Make an announcement about the event or activity at the Tau Gatherings.

• 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.

Vera Stewart, OFS will be selling handmade crafts at the St. Joseph Craft Fair on October 29, 2022. All proceeds will be donated to local charities. Mark your calendar! Your support is very much appreciated!

Book Review

Providential Accidents: An Autobiography by Geza Vermes (©1999)



Geza Vermes was born in Hungary, got his adult education in France and Belgium, and eventually became a distinguished professor at Oxford University. His personal story is so eventful that to try to summarize it here would take up more space than is practical.

Having read this book twice, I've concluded that Professor Vermes never completely resolved the conflict between his early formation in the Catholic faith and the Judaism of his ancestors and his Budapest relatives. His Catholic education began in 1931, at age 7, when he and his parents converted, and it culminated in his ordination as a Catholic priest in 1950. Twenty years later he decided to cast in his lot formally with the Judaism of his family background. (Like so much in his life, this was more of a complicated decision than it appears to be on the surface.)

The fact that he wrote about Jesus repeatedly during his entire adult lifetime suggests that his spiritual and emotional bond with Jesus and Catholicism persisted,

despite all his attempts to talk himself out of it. He would never be entirely Jewish any more than he could be 100% Catholic. Nevertheless, he used the remarkable complexities of his life as a motivation for the in-depth study of ancient Jewish and Christian writings, a scholarly endeavor which as enriched the modern understanding of both religions, and of their organic relationship to each other.

For those who are interested in looking at his work, a user friendly place to start is the 90-page introduction to his landmark translation, "The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English" (originally a series of lectures). This essay is both informative and readable. In it, he describes not only the Scrolls themselves, but also the years of academic, religious and political maneuvering which delayed their complete release to scholars and the general public for decades. Like Vermes' own life, the word "drama" hardly describes this story!

Helen Broxmeyer

August 4, 2022



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

August 16, 2022

INTERFAITH & ECUMENICAL

Interfaith summit dreams of America as a potluck, not a battlefield

RNS Religion News Service



Participants at the Interfaith America Leadership Summit pose together in Chicago. Photo courtesy of Interfaith America

By Bob Smietana

CHICAGO (RNS) — Amaris DeLeon grew up in a religious home but no longer identifies with any particular faith, calling herself “spiritual but not religious.” But she recognizes that religion can still play a role in bringing people together, especially in times of tension and conflict.

“People are desperate for a place to talk about things like politics where it’s not going to get too aggressive,” said DeLeon, a student at the University of North Florida, where she works with the school’s interfaith office. “Everyone has morals, everyone has these codes of value. And I think there’s so much more similarity than difference. We just have to look for it and be intentional about it.”

DeLeon was one of about 360 students and educators from 90 colleges and universities who gathered in Chicago over the weekend (Aug. 12-14) for Interfaith America’s annual leadership summit. Held in person for the first time in three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was a chance to connect with other interfaith leaders and receive training on how to help students from different backgrounds work together.

The dislocations of the pandemic, said Ishan Datey, a leader in the Hindu Student Association at Georgetown University, have meant some interfaith groups have had to go back to basics. Datey said his group has teamed up to host pizza-and-game nights with campus Jewish and Sikh student associations.

The idea was to help students become friends before they talked about interfaith cooperation.

“Fostering interfaith community comes not just from doing interreligious stuff with people of other faiths, but also emphasizing that, that despite our religious difference, we’re still a community,” he said.

Adrian Yates, a pagan student from Ohio Wesleyan University, came to the summit to learn strategies for interfaith cooperation that she can bring back to her campus.

Yates is a leader in the school’s interfaith house but says few fellow students understand what interfaith cooperation is all about.

“I’m trying to see if we can connect with people from more religious backgrounds,” Yates said.

Eboo Patel, founder and president of Interfaith America, began the event by telling a story about how, as a recent college graduate, he held a potluck with a few friends. That gathering grew over the years and eventually led to the creation of an intentional community called the Stone Soup Cooperative, named after a famed children’s story.

Patel would go on to found an organization in 2002 called Interfaith Youth Core, which focused on training young leaders on college campuses and began holding leadership summits in 2010. The organization, which partners with Religion News Service on a journalism fellowship, has expanded its mission and rebranded itself as Interfaith America in June.

Patel’s experience, he said, has caused him to rethink the metaphor used to describe America’s diversity. Instead of a melting pot, where people leave their old identity behind, he prefers to think of the United States as a potluck, where everyone brings their unique strengths to the table.



Interfaith & Ecumenical

Summit, Continued from page 9

“You can bring a dish to the American potluck,” he said. “You can invite other people to join the event yourself. You can nudge the nation toward being more than what it is and closer to what it might be. Not a melting pot. Not a battlefield. But a potluck where everyone is invited. Where everyone is valued.”

After his remarks, Patel led a discussion of nonprofit leaders from different backgrounds to talk about interfaith cooperation and what their faith brings to the American potluck.

Activist and speaker Nisha Anand recounted her father’s family’s experience during the Partition of India and Pakistan by the departing British government in 1947. Her father’s Hindu family was caught on the wrong side of a border drawn by the colonial power to give Muslims their own state. Anand’s family escaped in part because a Muslim family sheltered them from religious violence.

That story, she said, continues to inspire her work at the Dream Corps, a nonprofit that seeks to “bring people together across racial, social, and partisan lines to create a future with freedom and dignity for all.”

Patel credited Anand with a saying that captures what he hopes for Interfaith America: “The awesome people will beat the awful people.”

Ulysses Burley III, a former pro-

gram director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Strategy on HIV/AIDS, talked about how his faith showed him that in his practice as a physician he needed to treat the whole person, not just a disease. (He also pointed out that as the sole Lutheran on the panel, he’d been to a lot of church potlucks.)

Sarwang Parikh of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship spoke about “unconditional friendliness,” an idea inspired by his spiritual practice.

“You meet the stranger with just as much friendliness as you do a beloved friend,” he said.

Allison Josephs, founder of Jew in the City, which works to overcome negative images of religious Jews, shared a saying from Proverbs, about how a righteous person can fall seven times and still get back up.

“It’s in the act of falling and falling and falling, rising and rising and rising, that greatness is formed,” she said.

Several student leaders at the event were part of a fellowship program sponsored by the Miller Center of Hebrew College in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, that pairs 26 students from different faith backgrounds with mentors around the country.

Rebecca Chiet, one of the fellows, grew up in a secular household with a Catholic mother and a Jew-

ish father and now identifies as an Orthodox Jew. She said her academic work has looked at the relationship between Jewish traditions. She hopes the fellowship will help expand her vision for interfaith work.

“I thought it’d be a great opportunity for me to broaden like what pluralism means beyond just the Jewish phase and make that connection to my personal life as well,” Chiet said.

Parveen Mundi, a Sikh student from DePaul University, said she’s already seen the power of interfaith cooperation on her campus. Mundi is part of the student government and has been working to expand kosher and halal meal plan options on campus.

“One thing you don’t realize about college campuses is that interfaith work can really make progress,” she said.

Nikash Harapanahalli, a Hindu student leader from Georgetown, said interfaith work is for everyone, not just “religion fans.” He called it an act of bridge building and “the most meaningful interaction between groups that have very different identities.”

“The real skills that we’re developing here aren’t just faith-based, they are human-based,” Harapanahalli said. “I think we’re learning how to be better people and better people in conversation with others.”



PRAYER INTENTIONS

HEAR US, LORD!

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

For the repose of the soul of Bill Brewster. For physical and spiritual healing of Brian Prendergast; Walter Gawlak's daughter-in-law; Sylvia Capurso; Melissa, Ben, and Baby Levi; Valerye Milleson; 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

Pray daily for a future priest or sister:

SEPTEMBER

1 Brother Louis Mary Bethea, O.P.

2 Rev. Mr. Charles Wilton, Seminarian Deacon

3 Brother Collin Kourtz, OFM Cap.

4 Brother Isaiah of the Holy Face, OCD

5 Sister Mary of the Pierced Heart (Novice, SSVM)

6 Brother Joseph Teresa of the Eucharist, OCD

7 Sister Chiara Marie of Jesus, PCC

8 Brother Stephen Foeckler, OSB

9 Sister Mary Mother of Perpetual Help, SSVM

10 Sister Mary Refuge of Sinners, SSVM

11 Sister Maria Josepha of the As-

cension of Jesus, FLM

12 Sister Anna Joy Tipton, OP

13 Sister Philomena Luke of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, CFR

14 Sister Mary Handmaid of the Lord, SSVM

15 Sister Eneyda Martinez, PSSJ

16 Rev. Mr. Timothy Courtney, Seminarian Deacon

17 Sister Veronica Mary of the Wounds of Christ, PCC

18 Sister Marie Notre Dame de l'Espérance, SSVM

19 Nicholas Young, Seminarian

20 Sister Mary of the Transfiguration, SSVM

21 Sister Allison Regina Gliot (FSP)

22 Rev. Mr. Luke Poczatek, Seminarian Deacon

23 Sister Mary Splendor of the

Church, SSVM

24 Rev. Mr. David Witherow, Seminarian Deacon

25 Sister Marie Fe Tansioco, FMA

26 Brother Daniel De Paola, OSB

27 Rev. Mr. Michael Nugent, Seminarian Deacon

28 James Joseph, Seminarian

29 Sister Jacinta of the Immaculate Heart (Novice, OCD)

30 Brother Benjamin King, MC

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society/>



CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities and Events

September is the Month of the Holy Cross*

- Sep 3—Doug Fehrer's birthday
- Sep 7—John Ata's birthday
- Sep 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sep 9—Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities
- Sep 10—Blessed Martyrs of Japan
Profession Anniversary for Irene Naveau
- Sep 11—Feast of Blessed Bonaventure
Tau Monthly Gathering
- Sep 12—Feast of the Name of Holy Mary
- Sep 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sep 15—Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows
- Sep 17—Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi
Profession Anniversary for Joe Boyle and Valerye Milleson
- Sep 18—Feast of St. Joseph Cupertino
- Sep 21—Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle
Profession Anniversary for Cyndy Filan-Kim and Josh Goldberg
- Sep 23—Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina
- Sep 25—World Day of Migrants and Refugees
- Sep 27—Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul
- Sep 29—Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

* See the Franciscan Calendar for more dates: <http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/traditional-franciscan-calendar.html>

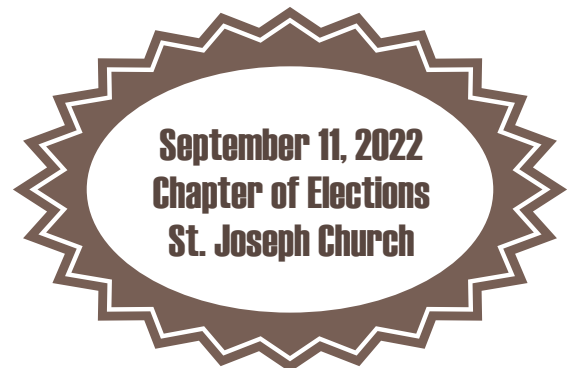


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NEXT TAU GATHERING

September 11, 2022

SCHEDULE

1:30 pm – 1:32 pm Opening Prayer—TBD

1:32 pm – 3:30 pm Chapter of Elections

3:30 pm Closing Prayer

**CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS WILL
BE HELD AT THE GATHERING!**

**St. Joseph Church
room 205**

ANNOUNCEMENT

The September 11, 2022 Tau Gathering will be in person only. Contact Kimberley Heatherington, OFS to volunteer for Opening Prayer. There will be no ongoing formation, presentation, liturgy of the hours, or business meeting.

FORMATION:

Initial Formation

Candidates: Chapter 20 in *The Franciscan Journey*

Aspirants: Chapter 4 in *The Franciscan Journey*