



Our Lady of the Rosary
Secular Franciscan Fraternity
Williamsburg, Virginia



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Message from our Minister ...

My message this month is short. To be honest, Bart's illness and hospitalization has taken a lot out of me. I do appreciate all the prayers that have come our way.

Our May meeting was wonderful. We were able to meet at St. Michael House and plant flowers by the garden. As they grow, they will bring pollinators to the garden and be a beautiful addition to the yard. It was a fun JPIC project. We also had a Ceremony of Welcoming for Theresia Muli. It was beautiful giving her the Tau Cross and books on Francis and Clare. We were also able to say an intentional rosary as we sat outside. Even the weather cooperated to make it a special day.

Although we don't have specific information, Genni will be making her final profession soon. I am asking everyone to pray for her as she makes this commitment to the Franciscan Order. It is a life long commitment, and I am so glad will become both a part of the order and our fraternity.

We have moved out of the Easter season and are once again in Ordinary Time. The green vestments demonstrate it is a time for hope. I've gone back to the Catechism of the Catholic Church to reread what the Church has to say about Hope. It is a theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it. We can hope in the eternal glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. Although we use the word hope in a secular way to define something we want here on earth, The virtue of Hope always looks to the kingdom of heaven and abiding in God's presence eternally. Remember, hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.

Have a wonderful and spirit filled June,
Peg



Mystery of the Altar: Meditations on the Eucharist

This Heart, it beats for us in a small tabernacle
Where it remains mysteriously hidden
In that still, white host.

That is your royal throne on earth, O Lord,
Which visibly you have erected for us,
And you are pleased when I approach it.

Full of love, you sink your gaze into mine
And bend your ear to my quiet words
And deeply fill my heart with peace.

Yet you love is not satisfied
With this exchange that could still lead to separation:
Your heart requires more.

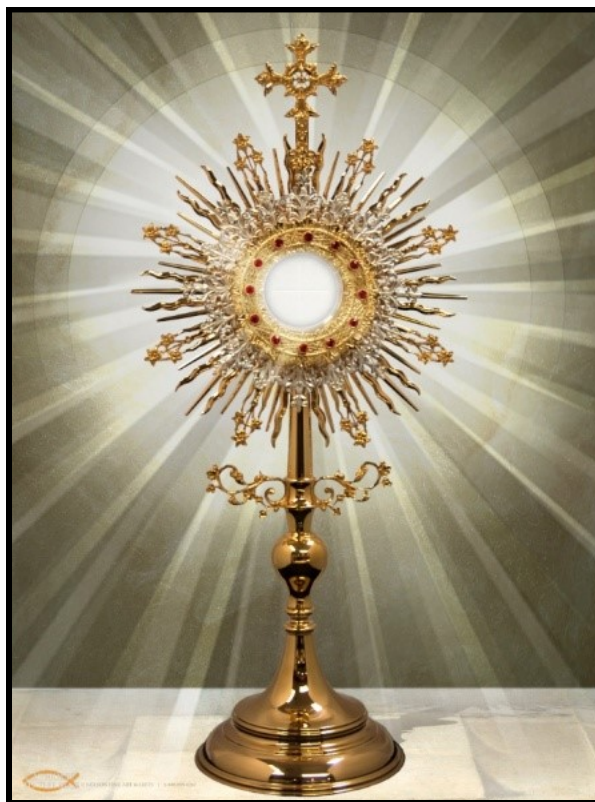
You come to me as early morning's meal each daybreak.
Your flesh and blood become food and drink for me
And something wonderful happens.

You body mysteriously permeates mine
And your soul unites with mine:
I am no longer what once I was.

You come and go, but the seed
That you sowed for future glory remains behind
Buried in this body of dust.

A luster of heaven remains in the soul,
A deep glow remains in the eyes,
A soaring in the tone of voice.

- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891-1942)



The Pope's Monthly Intentions



June: For Migrants Fleeing Their Homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Birthdays

No June birthdays

Anniversary of Profession

Carol Murphy	6/7/1979
Paul Reardon	6/23/2019



Next Fraternity Meeting—June 23rd at 1:15pm (social gathering from 12:30-1:15)

(change due to Father's Day)

From our Formation Director - Donna Kendall

Our monthly meeting for May was held at Saint Michael's house and we were blessed with a beautiful overcast day, perfect for gardening and planting bee-friendly plants for our JPIC project. As the following day was World Bee Day, we even incorporated some honey snacks into our social time together. Our gospel reading was about evangelization, and we tied the theme of evangelization to the action of bees who collect pollen and carry it from one plant to another just as we should carry the gospel from one person to another.

Saint John Chrysostom once said, "The bee is more honored than other animals not because she labors, but because she labors for others!"

"In 1948 Pius XII gave a lovely address to beekeepers. He spoke about the lessons their little bewinged charges give to mankind, including conscientious attention to their appointed vocations in their community. 'Working like bees with order and peace, men would learn to enjoy and have others enjoy the fruit of their labors, the honey and the wax, the sweetness and the light in this life here below'. Pius XII was right to praise busy, selfless bees. Bees are good examples to us, who have vocations in the world and in the Church, which needs our industrious protection."

There is a wonderful article about the work of bees and how we can grow to be more like them entitled "Of Bees, the Exsultet, a Paschal Candle (and Pius XII)" at the following link:

<https://www.newliturgicalmovement.org/2012/03/of-bees-exsultet-paschal-candle-and.html>

Pax et bonum



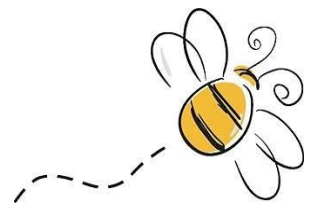
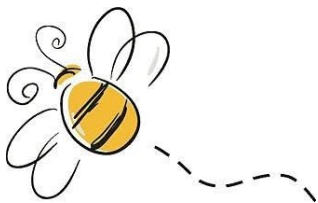
Sr. Juliana looking on as the fraternity plants flowers to attract pollinators to the garden at St. Michael House.



Our JPIC Project



On May 19, 2024, Our Lady of the Rosary Franciscan Fraternity met at Saint Michael's House Day Support for People with Developmental Disabilities. In honor of World Bee Day the fraternity gathered to plant pollinator plants as a JPIC project to care for creation. Members of the fraternity donated plants and soil and created a special bee garden to attract bees and other pollinators.





This is just the Beginning



On Sunday, May 19, 2024 Our Lady of the Rosary Franciscan Fraternity had a Welcoming Ceremony for Theresia Ngunde Muli who is in the initiation phase of Formation. We are so happy to welcome Theresia into our community!

