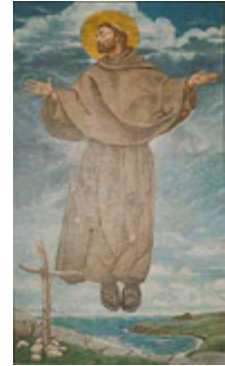


Sunday – October 20th, 2013

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A Message from our Minister



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

On September 15th, the day of our picnic, God gave us a beautiful day filled with plenty of sunshine and cool breezes. So many of our brothers and sisters from other fraternity's took part in our annual picnic and shared in Franciscan companionship.

Thanks to all for the wonderful job in pulling this picnic together. Without your fraternal love and giving of yourself we could not have succeeded in providing wonderful fellowship with our Franciscan brothers and sisters

I would like to give personal thanks to:

Ed Burgee, Ralph Colavilta, Carl Fisher, Harry Ford, Mary Karth, Jim Manning, Michael Radcliffe, Jim Soltysiak, France and Jean Louis Staudenmann and Jerry Yu. If I have left anyone out, please let me know.

As I looked around the grounds of the friary and saw our Franciscan Charism flowing among those in attendance, I thought to myself this is what our Charism is all about, sharing, loving, caring, allowing the Holy Spirit to move in us and through others.

My pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie wrote the following on 'Charism': "A 'Charism' can be defined with three characteristics. **First**, it is a "spiritual gift". Its purpose is to in some way build up the Body of Christ to make the Church stronger and to bring about a spiritual good. **Second**, it is recognized as something far beyond the capability of any human being on his own – it is a gift that comes from the Lord Himself. **Third**, when properly engaged it brings glory to the Risen Lord and points to Him and not to the individual. The 'Charism' given to Peter and to his successors was given by Jesus Himself when in answer to the question by Jesus to Peter "Do you love me?" Peter responds three times "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you" Jesus then says, "Feed my sheep" bestowing upon him a spiritual gift to teach, preach and confirm the Faith in every generation."

And is this not what we as Franciscans were called to do at our profession, to commit ourselves to God and to help "Feed His sheep"? Some offer up yourself for the good of the poor, others in taking care of the elderly or infirm even to the point of visiting a nursing home or hospital, a retirement complex, just to visit the people. The husband and wife have the 'Charism' to pour themselves out for the good of each other and together to pour yourself out for the good of the children. Some of you are gifted with a devoted love of children in teaching the Faith or encouraging them or caring for them with great kindness; giving encouragement to the discouraged; to offer extraordinary kindness, generosity, patience, compassion, understanding and good will; to offer up your own

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29th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Week I



Please Pray For ...

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**OUR DECEASED
BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

- Frances Bastress**, SFO
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- Jerry Cichowicz**, SFO
- Shirley Costello**, OFS
- Joe Cykoski**, SFO
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ailments and physical and mental sufferings united to the Cross of Christ for the salvation and redemption of sinners. To pour ourselves out in prayer for the Church and for people you know are in need or for the genuine good of others.

In Chapter XVII of his Rule of 1221, Francis told the friars not to preach unless they had received the proper permission to do so. Then he added, "Let all the brothers, however, preach by their deeds."

Further writings on Franciscan Charism - THE FRANCISCAN CHARISM in the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order - Patrick Colbourne OFM Cap.
<http://www.franciscans.org.au/sfo/sfo04/3charism.htm>

On a business matter: Starting with our October gathering we will be using the book, "Seeking a Gospel Life". The cost of the book is \$11.00. If you have not purchased this book, please give your money to Lita at our October gathering so that a book can be ordered for you. Please remember, this book is required for ongoing formation. If you are unable to attend our October gathering, please mail your check to Lita Maisel, 9 Somerset Road, Catonsville, MD 21228 410-747-2374. All are expected to purchase "Seeking a Gospel Life" in order to participate in our group discussions. Bob Longo, OFS and

Your Fraternity Council

**The St. Joseph Cupertino Bulletin Board
Posts from Our Fraternity Members**

Upcoming Events

Remembering Your Profession

Theresa Heath, OFS	10/11/81
Lorie Chase, OFS	10/15/08
Violet Novotney, OFS	10/15/08
John Kirby, OFS	10/16/94
Sherry Lewis, OFS	10/16/94
Edward Burgee, OFS	10/16/11
Geri Flynn, OFS	10/16/11
Rosemary Whelan, OFS	10/16/11
Jerry Yu, OFS	10/16/11
Diane Witherspoon, OFS	10/18/06
Amy Kulesa, OFS	10/20/03
Jim Tebo, OFS	10/23/77

Prayer for Peace in Syria

God of Compassion, Hear the cries of the people of Syria, Bring healing to those suffering from the violence, Bring comfort to those mourning the dead, Strengthen Syria's neighbors in their care and welcome for refugees, Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms, and protect those committed to peace. God of Hope, Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies, Inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria, and give us hope for a future of peace built on justice for all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World - Amen



Treasurer's Report

If you miss a gathering send your check payable to St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity
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At our gatherings, the common fund box will be in the Refectory.

Beginning Balance:	\$ 415.81
Income	\$ 903.00
Total	<u>\$1318.81</u>
Expenses:	
Franciscan Friars	\$ 100.00
Brother Lawrence	\$ 50.00
Newsletter Printing and Mailing	\$ 42.60
Picnic Expenses	\$ 180.25
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 372.85</u>
Ending Balance:	<u>\$ 945.96</u>

Thank You for your monthly contributions

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October Birthdays



Brandon Justice, OFS	10/06
Bob Longo, OFS	10/06
Harry Ford, OFS	10/10
Charlie Hopkins, OFS	10/13
Lita Maisel, OFS	10/13
Michael Radcliffe	10/22
Theresa Heath, OFS	10/30

November Birthdays

Lorie Chase, OFS	11/05
Sherry Lewis, OFS	11/15

Our Next Book Sharing Meeting – All Are Welcome

Date: November 2nd, Saturday - 1:30pm (social)
2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Place: Bob Longo: 1662 Carlyle Dr. E
Crofton, MD
Tel: 410 451-0943

Book: "Francis, the Journey and the Dream", by Murray Bodo

Chapters: "Of Love"
"Barefoot in the Dirt"
"An Apologia for Penance"

Thomas of Celano – 1185 - 1260

Thomas was born around 1185 in the small town of Celano, in the Abruzzi region of central Italy. He entered the Order probably after Francis returned from Spain in 1213-1214, since in his First Life of St. Francis (1 Cel) he writes that "some educated and noble men" were received in the Order. Most probably Thomas was one of them. Friar Jordan of Giano, in his Chronicle, 19, says that Thomas was chosen among the brothers to take part in the Franciscan mission to Germany in 1221 under the leadership of Caesar of Speyer. In 1222 Thomas was appointed custos of Mainz, Worms, Köln and Speyer, and in 1223 as vicar provincial in Germany. Thomas probably returned to Italy in 1224. He was not personally present in the important events of the last two years of Francis' life (1224-1226), but he gives a very detailed and personal account of the canonization ceremony which took place in Assisi on 16 July 1228, thus indicating that he was present for the occasion.

On this occasion Pope Gregory IX commissioned him to write an official biography of St. Francis, the Vita Prima. Thomas was probably present in Assisi also on 25 May 1230, for the solemn translation of the relics of St. Francis to the new basilica. Thomas appears again on the scene in 1244, when during the General Chapter of Genoa, Crescentius of Jesi, Minister General, asked him to gather any material relevant to the life of Francis from those friars who still remembered the saint and who were still alive. The response from the brothers was encouraging, especially that from friars Leo, Rufino and Angelo, who wrote a letter from the hermitage of Greccio on 11 August 1246, accompanied by their memories or "florilegium". This material has been lost, and it certainly does not correspond to the Legend of the three companions, but we can safely state that Thomas included it in the Vita Seconda which he wrote in 1246-1247. Again in 1250 the Minister General John of Parma asked Thomas to write a Treatise on the Miracles of St. Francis, which was ready in 1252-1253. This is the "trilogy" of Thomas of Celano, who is also the author of a "Legenda ad usum chori", a summary of 1 Cel. It is not certain whether Thomas is also the author of the Legend of St. Clare. Thomas spent his last years in Tagliacozzo, in the Marche region. He died in 1260 and is buried in the church of the ex-monastery of the Poor Clares of Tagliacozzo, the property of the Friars Minor Conventuals since 1506.

The First Life of St. Francis was written in 1228, after the canonization of St. Francis. Gregory IX meant it to be a literary monument to St. Francis, together with the architectural monument he raised in the "specialis ecclesia" built as a double church (burial crypt and monastic church) after the Pope issued the Bull "Recolentes" on 29 April 1228. 1 Cel received papal approval on 25 February 1229. - 1 CELANO

St. Francis of Assisi

The First Followers

The people of Assisi had already ceased to scoff at Francis; they now paused in wonderment; his example even drew others to him. It was only a matter of a few weeks for Francis to have the joy to receive his first brothers or friars at the Portiuncula.

The first among them was Bernardo da Quintavalle, a rich young man from Assisi. He invited Francis to his house for supper (incidentally, the house still stands in Assisi). At night Francis slept in his friend's house, and Bernardo noticed that Francis was praying all along.

The following morning he took a bold decision. Together with Francis he went to the church of San Nicolò in the town square, and together they consulted the book of the Gospels. For three times they opened the book and met the words: "If you wish to be perfect, go and sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me" (Matthew 19,21); "Take nothing for your journey" (Luke 9,3); "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me" (Luke 9,23).

These Scripture verses were to constitute the basis of the life and Rule of the evangelical movement initiated by Francis. In April of the same year 1208 two other men joined Francis and Bernardo. They were Pietro Cattani, a canon of the cathedral church, and Egidio or Giles, who joined Francis on 23 April. Francis would lead his companions to the public square, where they would give away all their belongings to the poor. After this they procured rough habits like that of Francis, and built themselves small huts near his at the Portiuncula.

The little band divided and went about, two by two, making such an impression by their words and behavior that before long several other disciples grouped themselves round Francis eager to share his form of life. Among them were Sabatinus, vir bonus et justus, Moricus, who had belonged to the Crucigeri, John of Capella, who afterwards fell away, Philip "the Long", and four others of whom we know only the names.

ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERINGS - All active members should make every attempt to attend the Gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, please call Bob Longo 410-451-0943.

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Calendar

At the Friary
Chapel Open Daily
From 9 AM – 5 PM
Noon Mass everyday
All are Welcome

Reconciliation is on
Wednesday from 4 - 5pm.,
and also Monday through
Saturday at 11:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday
12 pm – 5:30 pm



*"God accompanies us,
God calls us by name,
God promises
[there will be] a line of
heirs. This is
something of 'the
surety of the Christian.
It is not a coincidence;
it is a call - a call that
keeps us going,"*

Pope Francis