

Up to Now

Newsletter of the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Secular Franciscan Order

Covering the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia,
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Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing.

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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL National Priority for 2019-2021

At the 2018 Chapter, the National Fraternity Council (NAFRA) discussed the question of national priorities for 2019-2021. Many suggestions were presented, and several were mentioned multiple times, but no one priority stood out clearly. It was the consensus of the body that the incoming National Executive Council (NEC) decide our national priorities for the upcoming three years. The NEC is happy to announce that this was accomplished at our December 13-16, 2018, meeting in St. Louis, MO. During this meeting, we prayerfully considered the needs of the national family, as well as the feedback from the NAFRA Geo Groups at Chapter, and the decision became clear to us. While in past years NAFRA has set as many as six priorities, this year we chose to narrow our focus to one—Fraternity Life. Note that concentrating on fostering vibrant fraternity life does not imply that previous priorities will be ignored or neglected. Formation, JPIC, Communications, and Spiritual Assistance will all play an important role in strengthening our local fraternities.

The decision to choose Fraternity Life was confirmed for us in a wonderful way! A few weeks after we chose this priority, we received a Christmas letter from our General Minister. In this letter Tibor Kauser encouraged us to repeat our “yes” unconditionally—saying yes to God, yes to our vocation and yes to our neighbor. He then repeated three times “...this will give new life to our fraternities, too!” (See our General Minister’s Christmas Letter: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/2018/12/25/christmas-messages-from-our-national-and-international-minister.>)

To help all of us achieve this priority we decided to highlight three aspects of fraternity life:

National Priority 2019-2021 Fraternity Life

1. Deepening our Franciscan Vocation
2. Growing in Fraternal Communion
3. Cultivating Universal Kinship

(See "National Priority" on page 5)

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St. Margaret of Cortona Region Website has a new url:
<http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>

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Regional Minister's Message

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PAULINE RULE



Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Our celebration of the birth of Christ has come and gone, and another year has begun. At the celebration of the Epiphany, we heard the story of the Magi on their journey, bearing gifts, searching for the Christ child. The journey of the Magi recalls our

Franciscan journey and the gifts we bear throughout the year.

As we continue to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our Pauline Rule, the Rule is that gift that keeps on giving, our way of life is that gift. Our profession tells us, and the world, that we have made a commitment to live the gospel life and to share this beautiful gift with others by our words and actions.

Our Rule is our daily guidepost, and I would like to bring your attention to Rules 4, 5 and 7:

4. The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people. Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to him, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly.

Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to gospel.

5. Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of St. Francis, who often said, "I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except His most holy body and blood," should be the

inspiration and pattern of their Eucharistic life.

7. United by their vocation as "brothers and sisters of penance," and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel calls "conversion." Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily.

On this road to renewal the sacrament of reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father's mercy and the source of grace.

Sisters and brothers, our world needs us now more than ever before. Our cities are crying out for peace, for justice, for love, but most of all for the loss of faith. We Franciscans can bring that peace, justice, love and faith to all those we meet daily. You may say "I live the gospel life." But do we live it daily? I am reminded of the reading from the book of Micah: 8 "You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God."

I would like to leave you with these thoughts:

If you see someone looking sad and alone, give them a smile, or even better, strike up a conversation.

If you see someone in need of help, give them a helping hand.

When you receive something from someone, say thank you with a smile and even say "Bless you."

You never know whose life you may change or even make for a better day.

Talk to others as if you were talking to Jesus.

These small gestures can brighten a person's day.

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

Bob Longo, OFS

Regional Minister

St. Margaret of Cortona Region

Remember brothers and sisters, we are called to evangelize both verbally and by our ac@tions.



Franciscan Mission Service

Quiet Joy that Leads Me Home

Becky Kreidler is a recent graduate of Loyola University Chicago who has just begun her two-year journey as a Franciscan Mission Service missionary in Guatemala, where she will accompany the students at Valley of the Angels School outside of Guatemala City. In this reflection, Becky considers how God was speaking to her right before leaving her home community and how joy has filled her heart during this time of transition.

I'll be the first to admit my heart often wanders. Even though I've felt God's steadiness in my life, in my imperfection, I can stray from His path. In this past season, I've been leaning on myself more than Him, stubbornly thinking that I am in control (Spoiler alert: I'm not). In my story it is often in moments of stress, grieving, sorrow that I stray back to Him, as I depend on His grace and guidance. Yet in this past season God has reminded me that deep, quiet joy is also a path that leads me home.

I woke up one morning in December to find my mom looking at our living room with a deep smile on her face. "Becky, look at the Christmas cactus! I've never seen it bloom like this!" It was in this small and seemingly insignificant moment that God caught my attention. My mom's awe and wonder at a modest plant was deeper than happiness, deeper than anything she or I could control. It was a noticing in my mom that brought out a peaceful gladness, a rejoicing of growth, and awe of a God that can create simple beauty in our living room.

In my own faith experience, I have come to understand joy as a gift deeper than the feeling of happiness, one that results not from my own actions or circumstances, but rather "noticings" placed in my heart by God. And, as was true in observing my mom's awe, it is also a precious gift to experience the deep joy of God alive in another.

I've heard joy described as Jesus Others Yourself. Yet, when I believe I am in control, I get it totally backwards. And as I chase happiness and ignore God's presence in the small and the quiet, He slowly guides me back, reminding me that my identity is not composed of circumstantial feelings, but of something deeper of which He is the root. In one of his recent podcasts, Fr. Mike Schmidt captures this perfectly when he said, "We long for happiness, but we are made for joy."

As children of God, we are made to give him praise, to live out freely given grace, to receive His gifts of joy. And thus, these moments where God catches our attention are not accidental, but purposeful, because they are different for each us and lead us all to Him. In recognizing and sharing in the joy of my mom, God nudged me closer to Him and the joy he plants everywhere.

God caught my attention during this same season in a familiar place: in His Home. During daily mass, my grandpa and I would sit by the stained glass windows on the far left hand side of St. Raymond's, my home parish in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. While I've seen these stained glass windows each time I've been in church, they've only ever been a landmark, a decoration. Yet, in this season, God used them as a channel of joy for me.

Each morning during about 15 or 20 minutes of Mass, the sun would align perfectly, and the stained glass windows would reflect onto the wooden beams inside our church. I couldn't help being totally consumed by the images the sun would create and the sense of peace, wonder, and warmth that defined my time in church. In the seemingly ordinary, God navigated my attention to the stained glass in order to remind me that, in the same way, these windows were made for His glory and He uses them as channels to speak to me. Likewise, I am to be an instrument of His peace in my life. I am His. I am made for Joy.

In blooming, in colorful reflections, in the observation of family hugs in a crowded holiday airport, God is giving us gifts, nudging our hearts, all to lead us home to Him.

So I leave you today with an excerpt from a poem by Ted Loder, written from the perspective of Saint Joseph, that has become an ongoing meditation for me around the gift that joy truly is.

*I did not expect this joy.
It is a gift.
It does not come on cue.
It's a surprise.
Who deserves it? None.
Who is it for? All.*



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2019

JANUARY

Young People and the Example of Mary

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

FEBRUARY

Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

MARCH

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

APRIL

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

MAY

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

JUNE

The Mode of Life of Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

JULY

The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

AUGUST

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

SEPTEMBER

The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

OCTOBER

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

NOVEMBER

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

DECEMBER

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

("National Priority" from page 1)

Our relationships with God, with our OFS brothers and sisters, and with all people made in the image and likeness of God will be the subject of future reflections, as will some of the means (commitment, conversion, communication) we must use to enable our fraternities to grow in holiness.

Meanwhile, let us begin by reflecting on the spiritual reality and purpose of our fraternities. We're so used to participating in various groups, both within and outside the Church, that it's easy to treat our fraternity as just another group, rather than an integral part of our vocation. Let's look at our foundational documents. How do they portray fraternity?

Our *General Constitutions* state:

Art. 28.1. The fraternity of the OFS finds its origin in the inspiration of Saint Francis of Assisi to whom the Most High revealed the essential gospel quality of life in fraternal communion (See *Constitutions* 3.3 below; *Testament* 14).

Art. 3.3. The vocation to the OFS is a vocation to live the Gospel in fraternal communion. For this purpose, the members of the OFS gather in ecclesial communities which are called fraternities.

Art. 100.3. Fidelity to their own charism, Franciscan and secular, and **the witness of building fraternity sincerely and openly are their principal services to the Church, which is the community of love.** They should be recognized in it by their "being," from which their mission springs.

Points to ponder:

- The fraternity is not an afterthought. It originated with St. Francis, and its essential gospel quality was revealed to Francis by God Himself.
- We don't just "live the Gospel." We live it "in fraternal communion." Fraternal communion is thus defined as a constitutive element of our vocation. We have a specific way of being in the world, and a specific way of being together... in fraternal communion.

- The Constitutions tie building fraternity to our Franciscan mission of 'rebuilding' the Church. In fact, they term it one of the principal services we as an Order do for the Church. Recall that during our profession we promised to spend our efforts doing this very thing.

"The local fraternity is a visible sign of the Church, a community of faith and love. Together with all the members, you now pledge yourselves to spend your efforts to make the fraternity a genuine ecclesial assembly and a living Franciscan community. (Rite of Profession, Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order).

If we fail to take this seriously, if we work half-heartedly, if we rarely show up at fraternity gatherings, we are failing our brothers and sisters, we are failing to live our profession, and we are failing the Church.

- Thomas of Celano tells us that Francis and his brothers rejoiced when others were added to their company. "Immediately four other good and sound men were added to them as followers of the holy man of God.... At that time Saint Francis and his brothers felt great gladness and unique joy whenever one of the faithful, led by the Spirit of God, came and accepted the habit of holy religion whoever the person might be: rich or poor, noble or insignificant, wise or simple, cleric or illiterate, a layman of the Christian people. This was a great wonder to those of the world and an example of humility, challenging them to the way of a more reformed life and to penance for sins." (1 Celano 31)

Ask yourself: do people today feel that "great wonder" when they visit our fraternities?

What sort of example do they see?

- "Come to [Jesus], a living stone, rejected by men yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...." 1 Peter 2:4-5a

And finally, look to the next issue of the *TAU-USA* and to our national website secularfranciscansusa.com for additional reflections on this year's focus.

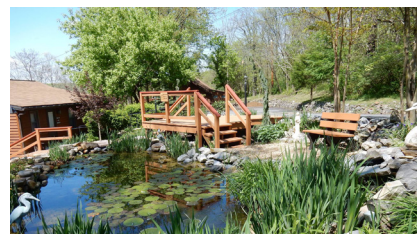
Mark Your Calendar

March 23, 2019 Day of Reflection - Walking Together... an Ecumenical Journey. See flyer on [page 6](#).



April 13, 2019 – Ninth Annual Day of Reflection for Inquirers, Candidates and Newly Professed. Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, Md. [Registration form is on page 8](#).

May 31-June 2, 2019 – Regional Retreat, Priest Field Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430. [Registration form is on page 12](#).



DAY OF REFLECTION

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Walking Together ... an Ecumenical Journey

**WHEN:
SATURDAY,
MARCH 23, 2019
Registration and
Breakfast at 8:30am**

Presented by Anne Mulqueen

For Professed Members,
Candidates, Inquirers and Guests!

**WHERE:
St. Clement Mary
Hofbauer Church
1212 Chesaco Ave.
Baltimore, Md 21237**

**Early Bird Registration!
Before March 1st \$25 per person
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*Includes Continental Breakfast
and Chick-fil-A lunch*

There is a 4PM Mass for all those interested

Please send your
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Little Flower Fraternity
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Day of Reflection Registration

Name _____ Fraternity _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Lunch Choice: Please mark only one

Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich w/ chips and cookie

Grilled Cool Wrap w/ chips and cookie

Market Salad _____ Dressing

Many faiths, one in gratitude



Rabbi Lizz Goldstein offers traditional "Hoda'ah: Giving Thanks" prayer.

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing," a group of about 70 people sang on a recent Tuesday evening inside St. Francis of Assisi Church in Triangle. At the front of the church, Muslim imams, a Jewish rabbi and a Franciscan friar stood ready to give thanks to God with prayers from the Koran, a traditional Hebrew prayer and the Our Father.

St. Francis of Assisi's first Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Nov. 20 included representatives from five faith communities. Out of about 30 faith communities invited to attend, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Lake Ridge, Congregation Ner Shalom in Woodbridge, Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center in Manassas and the Ahmadiyya Muslim community at Masroor Mosque in Manassas sent representatives.

"We come together tonight to celebrate the fact that as human beings, we share so, so much in common," said Franciscan Father John O'Connor, pastor. "So much in common in terms of our experiences as human beings, our desires, our hopes,

our wants in life, our challenges in life, but also, even more importantly, our faith in life."

After Father O'Connor's welcome, Rabbi Lizz Golstein read a translation of the Hoda'ah, a prayer of thanksgiving that "traditional Jews have been saying three times a day for the last 1,500 years or so."

"We gratefully acknowledge that you are Adonai, the father of our ancestors for all eternity," she prayed. "You are the rock of our lives and the shield of salvation from generation to generation. We shall thank you and declare your praise."

Imam Faran Rabbani of the Masroor Mosque read verses from the Quran about gratitude to God and gave a short reflection. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's ensemble sang "Bless This House." Imam Cemal Gumus of the Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center read prayers of Thanksgiving, followed by a reflection by Taalibah Hassan, the center's interfaith coordinator. St. Francis' Hispanic Ministry Ensemble, joined by Father Ignatius Harding, parochial vicar, sang the Our Father in Spanish.

Afterward, St. Francis parishioners Pequitte Schwerin and Jim O'Shaughnessy read the Canticle of the Sun, written by St. Francis.

Father Harding and a group of parishioners dedicated to ecumenical work created the event this year. They were inspired by an interfaith Thanksgiving service in the Fairfax area that rotates each year between St. Mary of Sorrows Church and a number of other faith communities.

"All of us, regardless of our religious background, can all unify around particular themes," said Lisa Ostendorf, an organizer. "Thanksgiving naturally lends itself to unity in that we all celebrate Thanksgiving."

"I enjoy interacting with people of faith," said Hassan. "Because people of faith, it's really important that we stand together."

"One of the things that struck me the most during the ceremony was remembering that Muslims, Christians and Jews are all sons and daughters of Abraham," Father Harding said during a reception after the event. "So that's something I think we should emphasize."



Celebrants Taalibah Hassan (Interfaith Dialogue Facilitator), Imam Cemal Gümüş (Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center), Rabbi Lizz Goldstein (Congregation Ner Shalom), Fr. Iggy Harding, O.F.M. (parochial vicar, St. Francis of Assisi Parish), Imam Faran Rabbani (Regional Imam/Missionary), Maaz Ali.

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The Joy of the Gospel, a Franciscan Vision

Franciscan Day of Reflection For Inquirers and Candidates 2019

Saturday, April 13, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Shrine of St. Anthony

12290 Folly Quarter Road

Ellicott City, MD 201042

(410) 531-2800

Sponsored by the St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Formation Team

Secular Franciscans are open to Franciscan Joy—the joy of the Gospel.

Join with your Franciscan brothers and sisters from around the region

as we explore the insights into Franciscan joy to be gained from

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel."

(Formation teams and newly professed are also invited.)

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Yes! I plan to attend the Franciscan Day of Recollection for
Candidates and Inquirers.

Name _____

Fraternity _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I am an Inquirer I am a candidate I am newly professed
I am a member of the formation team

Please complete this form

and return by March 23

with check payable to

**St. Margaret of Cortona Region
Registration fee is not refundable
after March 23.**

Send form and payment to:

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My heart is ready, oh God; my heart is ready.

Psalm 57:7

[Directions to the Shrine of St. Anthony](#)

A New Franciscan Saint

BLESSED MARGUERITE BAYS TO BECOME A SAINT

1815-1879

Marguerite Bays was born the daughter of simple, pious farmers on 8 September 1815 in La Pierraz, Siviriez, near Fribourg, Switzerland. She was educated locally and worked as a dressmaker.

She spent all her life in her own neighborhood where she entered and became a professed member of the Secular Franciscan Order. In her parish she was an exemplary committed lay person, especially dedicated to children and young girls. She also visited the sick and the dying with tireless ardor. She was a true friend of the poor, whom she called "God's favorites." She introduced missionary activities into the parish and contributed to founding the Catholic press at the time of the Kulturkampf.

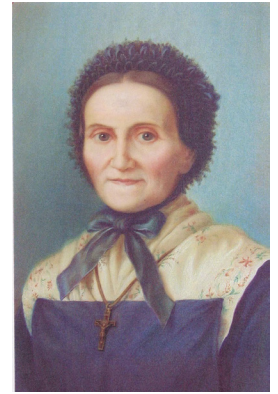
She developed intestinal cancer at the age of 35 and asked Our Lady to intercede with her Son to exchange her suffering for the kind of pain that would enable her to share more directly in the Passion of Our Lord. She was miraculously cured on 8 December 1854 at the moment when Pius IX pronounced the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Instead, she had to bear a "mysterious affliction" which immobilized her in ecstasy every Friday when, physically and spiritually, she relived the phases of Jesus' passion from Gethsemane to Calvary. She also received the stigmata, like St Francis, which she did her best to hide.

Marguerite Bays put the greatest trust in prayer, the focus of her life, to which she had been inclined since childhood.

She had deep love for Our Lady, whom she venerated by frequently reciting the Rosary and visiting her shrines. She also had immense love for Jesus in the Eucharist, before which she spent long hours in adoration. She lived constantly in God's presence. Thus, she suffered from the sight of the weak faith she saw around her and prayed that it would be strengthened. Her focus on the eternal prevented her from being distracted by the pleasures of this world or by personal advantage of any kind. God was her greatest love. She deplored human indifference to him and insistently demanded: "What can we do to love God more?" Her constant concern to be centered on God made her profoundly humble. She felt she was the lowliest of creatures and a great sinner, and fought the self-love that dampened her ardor. She fled attention and always sought to hide the great marks of favor she had been granted.

Marguerite identified increasingly with the suffering of Jesus on the Cross. Happy to be called to follow him, she showed no sign of suffering and on the contrary "could be heard to utter words of adoration and submission to God's holy will". She died at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 27 June 1879, absorbed in her love for the crucified Lord.

She will be canonized some time in 2019. Her feast day is June 27.



Mary Our Queen and Little Flower Fraternities hold their annual Christmas party together.

Around the Region

RECEIVED AS CANDIDATES

Amy Bilyeau, OFS, Mount St. Sepulchre Fraternity, Washington, D.C.
Jim Bundy, OFS, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.
Mike Chamberlain, OFS, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.
Erin Evans, OFS, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.
Colleen Furman, OFS, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.
Dawn Glennon, OFS, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.
Raymond Glennon, OFS, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.



Amy Bilyeau, OFS, Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity

NEWLY PROFESSED

Laura Benso, OFS, St. John XXIII Emerging Fraternity, Davidsonville, Md.
Francoise Bidiki, OFS, Mount St. Sepulchre Fraternity, Washington, D.C.



Mount St. Sepulchre Profession: Fr. Jim Gardner, Spiritual Assistant; Adele Lewis, Formation Director; Francoise Bidiki, newly professed; Larry Bleau, Minister



St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity newly admitted: Raymond Glennon, OFS, Dawn Glennon, OFS, and Deanna Williston, OFS

Beena Job, OFS, Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va.
Bernadette Lozano, OFS, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, VA
Deanna Williston, OFS, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.
Sarita Palmer, OFS, St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, Md.
Mary Rohde, OFS, St. John XXIII Emerging Fraternity, Davidsonville, Md.
Mary Ann Tarbell, OFS, St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.



Bernadette Lozano, OFS, St. Thomas More Fraternity

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

St Michael the Archangel Fraternity, Baltimore, Md.

Minister: Cynthia Evans, ofs
Vice-Minister: Steve Boeren, ofs
Secretary: April Holdun, ofs
Treasurer: Nancy Rollinger, ofs
Formation Director: Mark Evans, ofs
Councilor: Sandra Chabot, ofs



Saint Michael the Archangel Fraternity Newly Elected: Anne Mulqueen, Regional Spiritual Assistant; Cindy Evans, Minister; Steve Boeren, Vice Minister; April Holdun, Secretary; Nancy Rollinger, Treasurer; Mark Evans, Formation Director; Sandy Chabot, Councilor; Barbara Countryman, Area Councilor



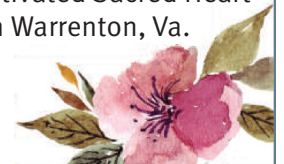
St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity newly admitted: Mary Ann Tarbell, OFS, Erin Evans, OFS, Jim Bundy, OFS; Colleen Furman, OFS; Michael Chamberlin, OFS



LOSSES IN THE FAMILY



Gertrude Hodul, OFS, November 30, 2018. Gertrude was 85 years old and was a member of the deactivated Sacred Heart of Jesus Fraternity in Warrenton, Va.



New Regional Executive Councilor (Virginia)



Peter Farago, OFS, has been named Virginia Area Executive Councilor. Peter was born in Washington, D.C., a few years after his parents migrated to the United States from Hungary. Peter has spent his life moving up and down the Rt 95 corridor, splitting time between D.C., Wilmington, Richmond, Philadelphia, and central New Jersey.

Peter's academic background is in mathematics and physics, focusing most recently on very early universe physics (a small fraction of the first second!). He is retired now, but worked as a math teacher, systems programmer, and as a pension actuary. Peter and his wife, Lucretia, have

lived in Richmond for the last thirteen years.

Peter is an active member of the Church of the Epiphany where he is a member of a Padre Pio Prayer Group. While living in the Princeton area, he served as part of the RCIA team for five years at the Queenship of Mary Church in Plainsboro. Peter worked for several year, as a volunteer with St. Gabriel's Church at the Federal Corrections Complex in Petersburg, Virginia, where he served as a mentor and as a Centering Prayer facilitator.

He is currently serving as an organizer of an interfaith network of volunteers in central Virginia engaged in helping asylum seekers and other immigrants establish residency in the United States. He also advocates on behalf of immigrants with the Virginia legislature. Peter is looking forward to meeting members of Secular Franciscan fraternities throughout Virginia.

Websites of Interest

Mosaics of Biblical scenes from a fifth century synagogue

<https://www.foxnews.com/science/stunning-biblical-mosaics-revealed-in-detail-for-the-first-time>

23 Things That Were Actually Built to Withstand the Test of Time

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/mjkiebus/built-to-last>

The Mormon Church made it, but it passes Catholic muster. It is 50 scenes from the Gospel (not the book of Mormon). Costumes, lighting, etc., are superb. It uses old style speech, but it is not stiff or fragmented. The YouTube link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-ZcbjLBtIs>

Thank you Mark Ingraham

A map that shows the spread of Christianity

<https://westernconservatory.com/products/the-spread-of-the-gospel-map>

Thank you Honey Scott

A beautiful visual of hyperlinked Bible cross references

<https://philosophadam.wordpress.com/2018/05/16/the-first-hyperlinked-text-the-bible-and-its-63779-cross-references/>

A bit long, but I couldn't tear myself away!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QojeohWnmAQ>



"Monk at Computer" from the Centre for the History of the Book, University of Edinburgh

What Are We Reading?

Lenten Destinations: A Daily Guide, Michael S. Gisondi

Buy for Kindle for \$3.99; available Kindle Unlimited Members for free at https://smile.amazon.com/Lenten-Destinations-Michael-S-Gisondi-ebook/dp/B07MP12DNR/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1550005813&sr=8-2&keywords=lenten+destinations

Following a daily guide on our journey toward a more joy filled Easter can make for a more meaningful Lent.

"Lenten Destinations" provides a structure from our initial discerning of a Lenten vow to motivational spiritual exercises. Each day, reflections are offered as tangible steps to a closer relationship with God. Pointers are sprinkled along the way ... from saints to almsgiving ... fasting to the virtues called out in the Catholic Encyclopedia ... as well as prayers and Psalms.

Lenten Destinations
A Daily Guide



Michael S. Gisondi

There's no reason we can't wash fruits and vegetables in a large bowl and save the runoff for watering the garden or lawn (or those little potted plants). The same thing can be done after boiling pasta or potatoes—just make sure the water's not salted!

REGIONAL RETREAT 2019

Where: Priest Field Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430-3742

When: May 31 - June 2, 2019

Who: All Secular Franciscans, including candidates, inquirers and spiritual assistants

What: TBA

Presenter: Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap

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Carbon Fast for Lent 2019



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Why fast?

Most religious traditions have some form of fasting as part of their spiritual practice. The Muslim season of Ramadan is perhaps the most widely known and practiced form of fasting worldwide. For many Christians, the season of Lent is associated with fasting as part of the preparation for Easter.

As a spiritual practice, fasting purifies us and sharpens our intentions. Like pebbles in our shoe, the hunger pangs of traditional fasting are a steady reminder of an intention to leave behind an old way of life and to prepare for spiritual rebirth. The feeling of hunger prompts a continued awareness of the need to become more conscientious in our actions and to whole-heartedly commit to the inward transformation we seek. Fasting also reminds us to keep in our hearts the plight of the poor and the imperative to care for the least of these.

Many of us grew up “giving something up” for Lent—candy, meat, or other pleasures—only to gleefully indulge in the forbidden item when the season passed. While going without something we enjoy gives us a taste of sacrifice, it often does not bring about a substantial inner change.

Whatever your religious persuasion, our intent with this Carbon Fast is to suggest practices that will go beyond merely “giving up” some conveniences temporarily, but will support a deeper transformation in your relationship with Earth.

Why carbon?

Because carbon dioxide (CO₂) is a heat-trapping gas and key driver of global warming, reducing carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions is a matter of great urgency.

Those who are being affected most severely by climate change—including millions of people in the developing world who have already

lost their homes and livelihoods—are those whose own carbon footprints are the smallest, and who have the fewest resources to cope with the fallout. Reducing our carbon emissions is as much a matter of caring for Creation as it is of protecting the least of these.

*In an effort to keep the calendar fresh, we’ve broadened the types of suggested activities to include water protection and conservation. While some of these are not technically carbon-reducing, we feel they keep the spirit of the fast.

How to use this calendar

This calendar suggests one sustainability-related activity for each day between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Some of these might be things you’re already doing. Some require a little preparation. Some may be challenging or even uncomfortable.

If doing one activity each day seems overwhelming, you might instead choose one activity each week and repeat it each day. Or choose one action and do it for the whole season.

Since Christians are called to dwell in community—to share in one another’s burdens and joys, and to work together as members of one body—we encourage you to see if members of your congregation or family want to participate in the Carbon Fast with you.

As we take steps to do our part—changing the ways we drive our cars, heat and cool our buildings, consume food and other goods—we also recognize that personal lifestyle changes *alone* are not sufficient. Therefore, we hope this fast helps you be a witness for the cry of the Earth and promote systemic change—as a member of your community and as a citizen.

In this time of repentance and rebirth, we hope above all that this calendar will be a tool for spurring action and reflection, helping us right our relationship with the Earth, in this season and beyond.

Carbon Fast for Lent



March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>6 Ash Wednesday “Dust thou art...” Consider how linked you are to the earth and how you can be in loving relationship with all Creation. Preview the calendar and set your intentions.</p>	<p>7 Calculate your carbon footprint: www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/. Take note of the activities that are the most carbon-intensive.</p>	<p>8 Consider and pray about your consumption habits. What would Jesus wear, drive, eat, etc.? Set at least 1 concrete goal for shrinking your footprint. Write it down.</p>	<p>9 Save energy and add some beneficial humidity to your house by air-drying your laundry.</p>
<p>10 First Sunday of Lent If your household has more than one car, try to use the more fuel efficient one for errands and trips. Save gas by completing multiple errands on one trip.</p>	<p>11 Schedule a home energy assessment and get free efficiency upgrades.</p>	<p>12 Learn how to use your programmable thermostat! Tailor it to the season and your schedule. In winter, set it lower when you are away and at night.</p>	<p>13 Water heating is very energy intensive, and chances are your water is hotter than you need. Try turning your water heater down to 120°.</p>	<p>14 For Palm Sunday, order sustainably grown palms: EcoPalms.org.</p>	<p>15 Learn how your diet impacts the climate at VegMichigan.org. Consider becoming a “reducitarian” by not eating meat for 1 day each week.</p>	<p>16 Netflix and chill tonight with a nature documentary. Planet Earth and Earth’s Natural Wonders are good options. Marvel at the miracle of Creation.</p>
<p>17 Second Sunday of Lent Many religions and denominations have statements on the humane treatment of Earth’s non-human creatures. Read yours at HumaneSociety.org.</p>	<p>18 Conventionally grown coffee causes deforestation. Choose shade-grown, organic coffee as a more sustainable option.</p>	<p>19 One roundtrip cross country flight makes up 15% of an average American’s annual CO2 footprint. Plan a vacation that doesn’t involve air travel this year.</p>	<p>20 Has your congregation taken steps to green its building? Check out this resource for ideas: MichiganIPL.org/StewardsOfHope.</p>	<p>21 Refrigerators are usually the biggest electricity-users in a house. Unplug or recycle old or rarely used refrigerators for significant energy savings.</p>	<p>22 Don’t forget about our member resources and discounts on sustainable products and services: MichiganIPL.org/MemberCenter.</p>	<p>23 13% of US GHG emissions are from producing and transporting food. Try to buy food that is grown organically and close to home.</p>
<p>24 Third Sunday of Lent 30% of landfill mass is food/yard waste. Composting is good for the Earth and your garden: HowToCompost.org.</p>	<p>25 Learn about our oceans and commit to buying only sustainably fished seafood: Oceana.org/living-blue/sustainable-seafood-guide.</p>	<p>26 Does your utility offer a renewable energy option? Green power cuts your emissions and sends your utility the message that consumers want clean energy.</p>	<p>27 Stay cozy and conserve energy by checking your windows and doors for air leakage. Caulk and weatherstrip as needed (these do need maintenance over time!).</p>	<p>28 Save trees and reduce waste by stopping un-wanted junk mail at DMACHoice.org.</p>	<p>29 Tame your lead foot on the highway. Higher speeds (55 mph+) reduce fuel economy.</p>	<p>30 Get a tune-up and set your car tire pressure to the recommended level for optimal gas mileage.</p>
<p>31 Fourth Sunday of Lent Take note of how your church’s coffee hour is run. Look for greening opportunities like using china instead of paper cups, choosing shade-grown coffee, etc.</p>						

Carbon Fast for Lent



April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 Is solar energy right for your church? Check out our Solar Guide for Houses of Worship: MichiganIPL.org/Resources/Congregations.</p>	<p>2 Utilities offer free energy saving products and services to their customers, including churches. Take advantage of it!</p>	<p>3 Is your voter registration current?</p>	<p>4 Identify your legislators and learn about their environmental voting track records</p>	<p>5 Individual carbon-reducing actions alone are not enough! Join our advocacy work: MichiganIPL.org/Advocacy.</p>	<p>6 If you are still using incandescent bulbs, <i>throw them out and replace them with LEDs now!</i> It seems wasteful, but the energy savings make this a no-brainer.</p>
<p>7 Fifth Sunday of Lent Donate to your congregation's Green Ministry or an organization that promotes Creation Care.</p>	<p>8 Protect our waterways by safely disposing prescription drugs. Drug take-back programs are best, but earth911.com suggests additional methods that are not as bad as flushing them.</p>	<p>9 Learn about how environmental degradation affects the global poor. Fast today to remain mindful of their hardship.</p>	<p>10 As you dream of spring, consider low maintenance perennials and grasses to reduce the need for watering. What can you do to cut down the size of your thirsty lawn?</p>	<p>11 If your windows are well-caulked but still emanating cold air, consider using plastic window sealing. Tyz-All interior storm window kits are very effective: energyfederation.org.</p>	<p>12 Roof icicles are a sign that your building is losing heat. Attic hatches, fireplaces and recessed lights can be culprits. It's also critical to ensure that your attic is well-insulated.</p>	<p>13 Minimize your purchase of new items, especially those with a lot of packaging and those made with petroleum/plastic. What items can you borrow or buy second hand?</p>
<p>14 Passion Sunday Observe the Sabbath by unplugging your electronics and yourself! Relish simple pleasures.</p>	<p>15 Large roofs and parking lots = lots of stormwater run-off (and often high drainage fees). Could your church add rain barrels or a rain garden to mitigate this?</p>	<p>16 Install a WaterSense-labeled shower head to save water and energy (often while improving water pressure).</p>	<p>17 Religious groups the world over are divesting from fossil fuels. Learn about how socially and environmentally-responsible investing could work for you.</p>	<p>18 Holy Thursday Start some organic seeds indoors. Witness God's love in action! Tomatoes, peppers and eggplant should be started now for an early harvest this summer.</p>	<p>19 Good Friday Learn about how to leave a green legacy: GreenBurialCouncil.org.</p>	<p>20 Holy Saturday Plant a tree. Trees reduce storm water run-off, absorb CO₂, and if planted on the south or west sides of your house provide cooling</p>
<p>21 Easter Sunday How did your carbon fast go? What new behaviors did you begin?</p>	<p>22 Bonus: Recalculate your carbon footprint: www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/. Did it shrink?</p>					



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Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

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

FEBRUARY

- 15 [Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of Padua](#)
- 16 [St. Veridiana](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular (1182-1242)
[Bl. Philippa Mareri](#), Virgin, Poor Clare (1190/1200-1236)
- 17 [Bl. Luke Belludi](#), Priest, OFM (1200-c. 1286)
- 18 [St. Bernadette Soubirous](#), Cordbearer (January 7, 1884-April 16, 1879) Plenary Indulgence possible for Cordbearers only
- 19 [St. Conrad de Plaisance](#), Hermit, Third Order Secular (d. February 19 1351)
- 20 [Bl. Peter of Treja](#), Priest, First Order (d. November 20, 1304)
- 22 [Feast of the Chair of St. Peter](#)
- 23 [Bl. Isabelle of France](#), Virgin, Poor Clare (March 1224-February 23, 1270)
- 25 [Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio](#), lay brother, Order of Friars Minor (January 20, 1502-February 25, 1600)
- 27 [Blessed Jose Tous Y Soler](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (March 31, 1811-February 17, 1871)
- 28 [Bl. Antonia of Florence](#), Virgin, Third Order Regular (1400-February 29, 1472)
[Bl. Jeremie de Valachie](#), lay brother, First Order Capuchin (1556-1626)

MARCH

- 2 [St. Agnes of Prague](#), Virgin, Poor Clare (1205-March 6, 1282)
- 3 [Bl. Innocent of Berzo](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (March 19, 1844-March 3, 1890)
[Bls. Liberatus Weiss, Samuele Marzorati and Michele Pio Fasoli](#), Martyrs of Gondar, Ethiopia, Priests, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (d. 1716)
- 5 [St. John-Joseph of the Cross](#), Priest, Alcantarine Franciscans (August 15, 1654-March 5, 1839)
- 6 [St. Colette de Corbie](#), Foundress Colettin Poor Clares (February 13, 1381-March 6, 1447)
[Servant of God Sylvester of Assisi](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor, one of the First 12 Franciscan Friars (c. 1175-March 6, 1240)
- 7 [Bl. Christopher of Milan](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1485
- 9 [St. Catherine of Bologna](#), Virgin, Poor Clare (September 8, 1413-March 9, 1463)
[St. Frances of Rome](#), Third Order Secular, Founder, Oblates of St. Benedict (1384-March 9, 1440)

- 11 [Bl. John Baptist Righi of Fabriano](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1469-March 11, 1539)
[Bl. Jean Kearney](#), Order of Friars Minor, Martyr (1619-March 11, 1653)
- 12 [Bl. Angela Salawa](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular (September 9, 1881-March 12, 1922)
- 13 [Bl. Agnellus of Pisa](#), Founder, Order of Friars Minor in England (1195-1236)
- 16 [Bl. Torello of Poppi](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular (1202-March 16, 1282)
- 17 [Bl. Mark of Montegallo](#), Order of Friars Minor (1426-March 19, 1496)
- 18 [St. Salvator of Horta](#), Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (December 1520-March 18, 1567)
- 19 [St. Joseph](#), Foster Father of Our Lord
- 20 [Bl. Hippolyte Galentini](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, (d. 1620)
- 21 [Bl. John of Parma](#), Minister General, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1209-March 19, 1289)
- 22 [St. Benvenute of Osimo](#), Bishop, Order of Friars Minor (d. March 22, 1282)
- 23 [Bl. Jeremy Lambertenghi](#), Priest, Third Order Secular (d. 1513)
- 24 [Bl. Didacus Joseph of Cadiz](#), Priest, First Order Capuchin (March 30, 1743-March 24, 1801)
- 25 [Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
- 28 [Bl. Jane Mary of Maille](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular (April 14, 1331-March 28, 1414)
- 30 [Bl. Amadeus IX of Savoy](#), Third Order Secular (February 1, 1435-March 30, 1472)
[Bl. Ludovico of Casoria](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (March 11, 1814-March 30, 1885)
[Bl. Maria Restituta Kafka](#), Sister, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Martyr (May 1, 1894-March 30, 1943)
[St. Peter Regaldo](#), Priest, OFM Conventual (1390-March 30, 1456)



APRIL

- 1 [Bl. Henry Alfieri of Asti](#), Vicar General and Minister of the Order of Friars Minor (1315-1405)
- 2 [Bl. Elisabetta Vendramini](#), Foundress, Third Order Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary (April 9, 1790-April 2, 1860)

- 2 **St. Francis de Paola**, Founder, Order of Minims (March 27, 1416-April 2, 1507)
- 3 **St. Benedict the Moor**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor (1526-April 4, 1589)
St. Luigi Scrosoppi of Udine, Priest, Third Order Secular (August 4, 1804-April 3, 1884)
- 5 **St. Crescentia Hoess**, Virgin, Third Order Regular (October 20, 1682-April 5, 1744)
- 7 **Bl. Maria Assunta Pallotta**, Third Order Regular (August 20, 1878-April 7, 1905)
- 8 **Bl. Julian of St. Augustine**, Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1550-April 8, 1606)
- 9 **Bl. Thomas of Tolentino and Companions**, Priest, Martyrs of India, Order of Friars Minor, (Fr. James of Padua, Br. Demetrius of Tiflis, Fr. Peter of Siena) (1321)
- 10 **Bl. Boniface Zukowski**, Order of Friars Minor Conventual, Martyr (January 13, 1913-April 10, 1942)
- 11 **Bl. Angelo of Chiavasso**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1411- 1495)
- 15 **Bl. Gandolph of Binasco**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (d. April 3, 1260)
- 16 **St. Benedict Joseph Labré**, Third Order Secular (March 15, 1748-April 16, 1783)
- 18 **Bl. Andre Hibernon**, Religious, Order of Friars Minor (1534-April 18, 1602)
- 19 **Bl. Conrad of Ascoli**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1234-April 19, 1289)
- 20 **Bl. Anastase Pankewicz**, Priest, First Order, martyr, d. 1942
- 21 **St. Conrad de Parzham**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (December 22, 1818-April 21, 1894)
- 22 **Bl. Francis of Fabriano**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (September 2, 1251-April 22, 1322)
- 23 **Bl. Gilles of Assisi**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1190-April 23, 1262)
- 24 **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, Capuchin Priest, Martyr (1577-April 24, 1622)
- 25 **St. Pedro de San Jose Betancur**, Third Order Secular, Founder (March 21, 1626-April 25, 1667)
- 28 **Bl. Luchesio and Buonadonna**, First Franciscan Secular Order, (both died April 28, 1260) Plenary Indulgence for Franciscan Third Order Seculars (renewal of Tertiary Engagements)
- 29 **Bl. Benedict of Urbino**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (d. 1625)
- 30 **St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo**, Third Order Secular, Founder (May 3, 1786-April 30, 1842)
- MAY**
- 1 **St. Richard Pampuri**, Confessor, was a tertiary before joining another religious institute (August 2, 1897-March 1, 1930)
Bl. Vivaldo of San Gimignano, Franciscan Friar, Hermit (1260-1320)
- 3 **Bl. Tommaso da Olera**, Friar, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (1563-May 3, 1631)
Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Priest, Founder, Third Order Secular and Regular (February 15, 1830-May 3, 1903)
- 4 **Bl. Arthur Bell, Henry Heath, John Woodcock**, et al., priests, martyrs of England, First Order, d.1646
Bl. Ceferino Giménez Malla, Third Order Secular, Martyr, First Gypsy to be declared Blessed (August 26, 1861-August 8, 1936)
Bl. Ladislav de Gielniow, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (c. 1440-May 4, 1505)
- 5 **Bl. Beinvenu Mareni**, Lay Brother Order of Friars Minor Conventual (d. May 5, 1269)
- 6 **Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno**, Founder, Franciscan Third Order Regular (October 14, 1831-May 6, 1900)
Bl. Marie-Catherine Troiani, Third Order Regular, Missionary (1813-May 6, 1887)
- 7 **Bl. Agnellus of Pisa**, Order of Friars Minor, First Minister Provincial in England (1195-1236)
- 8 **St. Amato Ronconi**, Priest, Third Order Secular (c. 1225-May 8, 1292)
Bl. Jeremiah of Valacchia, Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (June 7, 1556-February 16, 1625)
- 11 **Bl. Antonio of St. Anne Galvoa**, Franciscan Priest, Founder of the Conceptionist Sisters (1739-December 23, 1822)
St. Ignatius of Laconi, Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (December 10, 1701-May 11, 1781)
- 12 **St. Leopold Mandic of Castelnuovo**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (May 12, 1866-July 30, 1942)
- 13 **Bl. Gerard of Villamagna**, Third Order Secular, Hermit (1174-May 13, 1242)
- 16 **St. Margaret of Cortona**, penitent, Third Order Secular (1247-February 22, 1297). Plenary Indulgence possible (renewal of engagements of the Franciscan Secular Order)





Programs and conferences to be held at St. Bonaventure University

The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University has scheduled the following master classes, programs and conferences for the summer of 2019. Registration for each program begins Feb. 1, 2019.

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