

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
Gathering – April 27th, 2014



A Message from our Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

I pray all experienced a blessed Easter.

At our April 27th Gathering we will devote our On Going Formation in prayer in the chapel for Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be our evening prayer for our Gathering.

After our celebration of the Easter season our joy of the resurrection will become a faint memory, but we must not forget the reason for the season. As St. Francis experienced the true passion of our Lord during his life, we as Franciscans must also keep our focus on Christ throughout the year. If we recognize the Risen Lord in our brothers and sisters we witness daily His passion through the sick and suffering and the hope of the resurrection in those who pass on.

St. Bonaventure tells us: “For the cross of Christ, both offered to and taken on by Francis at the beginning of his conversion and carried continuously from the moment throughout the course of his most proven life and giving example to others, shows with such clarity of certitude that he finally reached the summit of Gospel perfection that no truly devout person can reject, this proof of Christian wisdom ploughed into the dust of your flesh.”

A homily given by Friar Hibernicus, OFM tells us: “The origin of the Franciscan movement is a rediscovery and revitalization of the Christian experience. Inspired by his own life-changing encounter with the Risen Christ, Francis sought to meet men and women in their own milieu with a joyful witness to God who has come to us in Jesus. He wished to make the faith present in an explicit and visible way, without fear or calculation, in all the spheres and situations of life.”

With overflowing joy in God, Francis expressed the goal of all life and service in the following passage from the Earlier Rule: “Let us desire nothing else, let us wish for nothing else, let nothing else please us and cause us delight except our Creator and Redeemer and Savior, the one true God who is the fullness of good, all good, every good.”

“Let all of us wherever we are, in every place, at every hour, at every time of day, everyday and continually believe truly and humble and keep in our heart and love, honor, adore, serve, praise and bless, glorify and exalt, magnify and give thanks to the most high and supreme eternal God, Trinity and Unity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Creator of all, Savior of all who believe in Him, and hope in Him and love Him.”

May we experience the risen Lord in our Franciscan way of life with every fiber of our being.

- *Your Fraternity Council*



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EVENING PRAYER





Please Pray For ...

- Connie Baker**, OFS
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What is Divine Mercy?

The Divine Mercy is a Roman Catholic devotion to the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it. The devotion is due to the apparitions of Jesus received by Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), who is known as the Apostle of Mercy.

Faustina Kowalska reported a number of apparitions, visions and conversations with Jesus which she wrote in her diary, later published as the book *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. The three main themes of the devotion are to ask for and obtain the mercy of God, to trust in Christ's abundant mercy, and finally to show mercy to others and act as a conduit for God's mercy towards them.

The devotion places emphasis on the veneration of the Divine Mercy image which Faustina reported as a vision of Jesus while she was in her cell in the convent. The image is displayed and venerated by Catholics on its own, and is solemnly blessed during Divine Mercy Sunday. The devotion includes specific prayers such as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Divine Mercy devotion is followed by Catholics, and is also recognized and celebrated in the Anglican Communion.



OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- Frances Bastress**, SFO
- Joe Bezila**, SFO
- Jerry Cichowicz**, SFO
- Shirley Costello**, OFS
- Joe Cykoski**, SFO
- Stella Cykoski**, SFO
- Claire Lee Davison**, SFO
- Adela Duff**, SFO
- Charles Ferrara**, SFO
- Dolores Fritz**, OFS
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- Frances Langben**, SFO
- Bob Lewis**, SFO
- Jean Manning**, OFS
- Yvonne Proch**, SFO
- Betty Taylor**, SFO
- Bud Tenley**, SFO
- Regina Yeager**, SFO
- Dorothy Zalewski**, SFO

Food For Thought

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered.
 Forgive them anyway.
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.
 Be kind anyway.
 If you find happiness, people may be jealous.
 Be happy anyway.
 The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.
 Do good anyway.
 Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.
 Give your best anyway.
 For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
 It was never between you and them anyway.” - Mother Theresa

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

Upcoming Events

There will be no “Book Sharing” for the month of May, 2014

Remembering Your Profession

- Florence Fortin* 4/01/95
- Ray Heverling, OFS* 4/10/05



Treasurer's Report

If you miss a gathering send your check payable to St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity

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At our gatherings, the common fund box will be in the Refectory.

Beginning Balance: \$ 706.89
Income **696.00**
Total **\$1402.89**

Expenses:

Franciscan Friars \$ 100.00
Brother Lawrence 50.00
Fund a Member's
Retreat Cost 35.00
Printer Ink 58.26
Candles for Profession 54.99
Website Design 15.00
Total Expenses: **\$ 313.25**

Ending Balance: \$1089.64

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The Nature of the Lay Vocation

Vatican City – May, 2009 Pope Benedict XVI spoke at a pastoral convention of the Diocese of Rome, Benedict. “He said that the Church needs "a change in mindset, particularly concerning laypeople. They must no longer be viewed as 'collaborators' of the clergy, but truly recognized as 'co-responsible' for the Church's being and action, thereby fostering the consolidation of a mature and committed laity.”

Christians are in the world, but not of the world. We belong to God, and our home is heaven. But we're here for a reason: to change the world, for the sake of the world, in the name of Jesus Christ. That work belongs to each of us. Nobody will do it for us. And the idea that we can somehow accomplish that work without engaging -- in a hands-on way -- the laws, the structures, the public policies, the habits of mind and the root causes that sustain injustice in our countries, is a delusion.

Laypeople are not second-class disciples in this task. They're not second-class members of the Body of Christ. There is no such creature as a "second-class" Christian. Baptism is a sacrament of redemption; but also of equality in God's love. Laypeople have exactly the same dignity as clergy and religious -- and this moment in history cries out for mature, intelligent, zealous and faithful lay leaders in an urgent way.

Priests and bishops cannot do the work of laypeople. That's not what Christ called us to do. It's not what the Church formed us to do. Our role as clergy in bringing Jesus Christ to the world, and the world to Jesus Christ, flows through you lay men and women who hear the Word of God; who love the Church for the truth she teaches; and then bring that Catholic witness into society to change it and sanctify it in Christ's name.

Every Christian life, and every choice in every Christian life, matter eternally. Laypeople, not clergy, have the task of evangelizing the secular world, and only you can do it as God intended.

So never be embarrassed by your baptism. Never be afraid of the consequences of your faith. Take pride in your Catholic identity for the blessing and mandate it is. Act on it. Share it with others....”

As Franciscans we need to revere this gift. We need to find in it once again the confidence to live and preach our faith -- in everything we do -- without apologies or excuses. And if we do that, then we won't need to ask what the "new evangelization" looks like. We'll know – because we'll be incarnating it in our lives.

Remember brothers and sisters, we are all called to evangelize both verbally and by our actions.

April Birthdays



Kathy Ford, OFS 4/06
Geri Flynn, OFS 4/26

May Birthdays

Lynne Float, OFS 5/17
Patrick Caughy, OFS 5/18
Ray Heverling, OFS 5/31

Origins of the Secular Franciscan Order

Francis the Evangelist: St. Francis of Assisi and his first companions were inspired by the Holy Spirit to live the gospel as a fraternity group, and following the example of Jesus and his apostles, they traveled through cities and countryside to preach the holy gospel and ask the people to live a Christian life more in keeping with the message of salvation.

Many people were moved by the living testimony of Francis, the “Poverello” (the Poor Man) and wanted to follow him. They wanted to behave as he did faithful to Christ and to the word of life in the gospels.

Popular Enthusiasm and Followers: Francis welcomed everyone as a gift from God. The men who followed him became Minor Friars; young ladies became the Poor Ladies or Poor Clares. Francis also inspired many men and women who did not enter into religious service.

They remained in the outside world and continued their normal activities. This movement evolved into the Franciscan Third Order of Penance, known as the Brothers and Sisters of Penance.

Origins of the Third Order: The Third Order movement began in the autumn of 1211, expanding during the spring of 1212 and enjoying a prodigious growth in both area and numbers over the next ten years.

The Rule of Evangelical Life: Francis offered his followers a Rule of evangelical life, giving the Tertiaries three precious documents: The First Letter to the Faithful Penitents in 1215, the Second Letter to the Faithful Penitents in 1221 and the “Memoriate Propositi” in 1221.

In 1289 the First Franciscan pope, Niccolo IV, wanted to recognize the Third Order of St. Francis in an official way. He gave explicit approval to the Order of Penance, which had already been commended by many Popes, and reissued the “Memoriale Propositi”, the Rule of 1221 in more juridic form. Those Penitent Franciscans who remained in their homes (marrying or not) and who held a professional post constituted the Secular Third Order (TOS), which since 1978 has been call the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS).

ATTENDENCE 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 contact a council member (see page one for telephone numbers). If you are professed and miss a gathering please send your check for the Common Fund to:

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Calendar

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

Reconciliation
Monday through Saturday at
11:30am and Wednesdays
4 PM – 5 PM
Thursdays 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

April 25th Concert

Andy Gullahorn and Jill Phillips
in concert Friday April 25th
from 7:00-9:00pm! Both are
acclaimed as two of the most
talented singer-songwriters in
the Contemporary Christian
Music world.

To reserve your seats visit the
Shrines website at
www.ShrineofStAnthony.org or
call 410-531-2800

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25
at the door.

May 17, 2014 - May 24, 2014

The Journey of Spiritual
Direction by Fr. Julio
9:30am. - 11:00am.

Cost \$35 for both workshops, or
\$20 for one. For more
information visit the Shrines
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