

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO FRATERNITY

Gathering – July 20, 2014

The Flyer

A Message from our Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

At last month's Gathering for Ongoing Formation we discussed Chapter Two in "Seeking the Gospel Life", and one of the questions "In our current life situations, what are some of the ways we can follow Christ's example of service on a daily basis?" I have been thinking about our discussions and in reading have come across what I believe is a very important message from our Holy Father, Pope Francis:

Make your life a gift for others

In July of 2013 at the Sunday noon Angelus, our Holy Father, Pope Francis spoke the following:

"Jesus stresses that he did not come into this world to give something, but to give himself, his life as nourishment for all those who have faith in Him."

As disciples, we are obliged by our Communion with Christ "to imitate Him, making our existence a broken bread for others, just as the Master has broken the bread that is truly His flesh."

Pope Francis went on to say that each time we take part in the Mass and are nourished by the Body of Christ, "the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit acts in us, shapes our heart," and speaks interiorly to us in a way that shapes our behavior according to the Gospel.

"The charity of Christ, welcomed with an open heart, changes us, transforms us, makes us able to love, not according to human measure [which is] always limited, but according to the measure of God," which is without limits. "One cannot measure the Love of God," he said.

In this way, we become able to love those who do not love us – which, the Pope said, is not an easy thing to do – and to confront evil with goodness, to forgive others, to share, and to welcome.

By living in this way, the Holy Father said, "we discover the true joy" of giving back the great gift which we, without merit, first received ourselves.

"This is beautiful," he said: "our life becomes a gift!" This is an imitation of Jesus. There are two points that one must not forget, Pope Francis said: First, that "the love of God is immeasurable," and secondly, that by "following Jesus, we – with the Eucharist – make our life a gift." (From the archives of Vatican Radio)

Is this not what Jesus did for us?

- *Your Fraternity Council*



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EVENING PRAYER



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Please Pray For ...

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OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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

Upcoming Events

Our Next Book Sharing Meeting – All Are Welcome

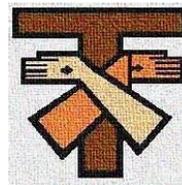
Date: Saturday, August 2nd - 1:30pm (social)
2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Place: Ed Burgee – 408 Westside Blvd., Catonsville, MD 21228
Telephone Number (home): 410 788-2718

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

Chapters: "Mountain Man" - Page 94
"Of Seasons and Weather" - Page 96
"La Verna" - Page 97

Remembering Your Profession



Brandon Justice, OFS 7/18/07

Food For Thought

From our brother, Jim Manning, OFS

"The Spirit gives Life"

Our Lord make...

The blessed waters of the sacrament of baptism free us for eternal life.

From the book On the Holy Spirit by St. Basil the Great



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: \$ 839.79
Income 588.00
Total \$1427.79

Expenses:

Franciscan Friars \$ 100.00
Brother Lawrence 50.00
Website Fee 15.00
Total Expenses: \$ 165.00

Ending Balance: \$1262.79

Thank You for your monthly contributions

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Franciscan Prayer Intention for the Month of July



FOR SPIRITUAL ASSISTANTS

That they may be joyful witnesses and generous spirit of the Gospel of St. Francis and exercise with brotherly affection and responsibility their spiritual and pastoral service to the SFO and the Franciscan Youth. – Father Kevin, President-in-turn, CNSA

The place of the "Preaching to the Birds of St. Francis of Assisi



In the area of Cannock, on the border with that of Bevagna, stretches a vast plateau commonly called "Piandarca", of uncertain etymology, which derives from the Latin, being in fact an area located a bit 'higher than the altitude above sea level in the country. This same word, albeit with different spellings (Planus Arche, Pian d'Arca, Pian Ark, Piandarcha) appears in historical documents of Cannock, at least since the 1300s. E 'a flat land, where the hand of man intervned in recent decades only to cut the plants that had been prevented from attending to the work of agricultural machinery, for the rest untouched, with a few houses, however, abandoned and in ruins.

It 'a place of absolute silence, from which you can admire Assisi, Mount Subasio Spello east, Perugia to the north, the foothills of the mountains with Martan Collemancio west and the mountains to the south of Spoleto. Almost in the middle of this area stretches a small street, part gravel, part clay, which is said to have been traveled by St. Francis, with Brother Agnolo and Brother Masseo when, after having preached to the people of Cannock and thought about the primitive idea of the Third Order (of the continents, today Secular Franciscan Order), he withdrew from there in the direction of Bevagna.

A large stone is placed at a certain point to tell the visitor more or less according to the site-passed memory and literature-in which occurred the famous sermon to the birds referred to in Sec. XVI of "The Little Flowers".

Continuing, the trail leads us to the Shrine of Piandarca within a small enclosed space with sturdy oaks and cypress trees, in the midst of which stands a small chapel with a fresco of St. Francis surrounded by winged creatures.

The Shrine of Piandarca was inaugurated in 1926. An exceptional event for the community of this earth, who has never lost in the centuries the memory of the passage of the saint in his quarters. As evidenced by a long literary tradition, churches, inscriptions, paintings, archival documents, and a secular procession each year-five Sundays after Easter, is taking place from the historic center to the site of the stone and then the Wayside Shrine, with the presence of religious and civil authorities and with the help of so many Members of the Faithful. *Octavian Turrioni - SFO Fraternity Cannock*

July Birthdays



Gerry Pinkas, OFS 7/18
Will Witherspoon, OFS 7/31

August Birthdays

Jim Manning, OFS 8/17
Jim Tebo, OFS 8/20
Rosemary Whelan, OFS 8/20
Gail Bunyan 8/21
Sheila Solomon, OFS 8/21



My San Francisco

To be born "in the name" of St. Francis, I continually find traces in churches and street names. Being able to read the language in the Canticle of the Creatures, meeting this absolute marvel to understand at first but then re-live it every time you look at the sun, the moon; when you listen to the wind, you drink a glass of water or observed fire and earth. When you think about our Sister Bodily Death, an idea that in these times we seem to only be able to escape obsessively. Every time I wonder how Francis is able to automatically become for all of us a point of reference, the perfect synthesis of vision and action written eight centuries ago in medieval characters in a life of adventure, but that the talks, and through time with the Christian message of believing and doing. I believe that in a time of eclipse many other landmarks there is a huge space to launch it with force and for all. If the Church will know to do it, everyone will gather.

On my visit to Assisi I met St. Francis at the Sacred Convent of Assisi and the Basilica. The long tour ended the outdoor loggia, where a Franciscan who accompanied us promised a beautiful view of the valley. When looking down in the valley there was a continuous fog that covered the whole plain below Assisi, and came out only the dome of St. Mary of the Angels. The fog seemed illuminated from below by light of the same pink stone of the Basilica, which seemed to float or having to disconnect from the ground.

Another sign, the Brothers of St. Francis, welcome, assistance, integration, human development of people in difficulty and homelessness, as was the sign of a supermarket for the common good. This community operates in flesh and blood, giving a meal, a clean dress, a hot bath and a roof for the night to thousands of people each year. I remember Father Clemente, the great animator who always told me that in the reception center captain difficult moments between people from different backgrounds and religion, and even some hint of a fight. "To me he said, indicating the Tau around his neck is no need to ever call anyone, because this puts all agree" and when I say smiling as if he were speaking of a thing at the same time beautiful and completely normal. Here For me this St. Francis is an example that can pierce time and space, illuminating an almost invisible people who become the image of "prolonged" and shine from within his own light, as the fog in the valley Assisi. - *Corrado Passera, 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

September 21, 2014

FRATERNITY PICNIC AT THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY

Our Fraternity picnic will begin with 12 pm Mass - festivities will begin at 1pm.

October 20-24 - Iconology Workshop in the Traditional Russian-Byzantine Icon Writing Method

For further information please visit our Fraternity Website:
<http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/fraternity-news-events/>

Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

Rule 1

The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God -- laity, religious, and priests - who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi.

In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.