

A Message from our Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

At our March Gathering we will start using the book “Seeking the Gospel Life”, please read the first chapter. At this Gathering for our ongoing formation, we will break down into small groups to discuss the first chapter.

Last month we celebrated the beautiful profession ceremony of our newly professed brothers and sisters as they made their commitment to Christ. Now we are in the season of Lent, a time to reflect on our own way of life in prayer and actions to recommit our lives to Christ. To help us on our Lenten journey, our brother, Patrick Caughy, OFS has put together a wonderful day trip to the Holy Land - Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C. for Saturday April 12th, the day before Palm Sunday. Please see page (2) of this newsletter for more information. What a wonderful way to spend the beginning of Holy Week, at the replica of the Holy Land.

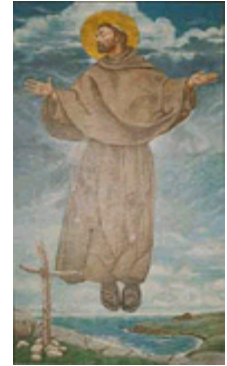
During Lent our prayer life is deepened by the passion, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The following is from the “Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise: “We know that neither Clare nor Francis offered a complicated prayer method. They call their followers to prayer with a decidedly contemplative dimension – to be present to God who is present to all creatures is prayer. They require that our prayer be Trinitarian. Our prayer is always addressed to God in the Son by the power of the Spirit ... Our prayer is to be Incarnational. We become alive to God’s deeds in the greatest gift of God, the Incarnation, in which God becomes one with us in the Son. The purpose of all Franciscan prayer, then, is to give God ceaseless praise and thanksgiving for all God has done - does in creation and in our re-creation in Christ.”

“Prayer is a way of life for us – all the time and everywhere. We should be so filled with God that adoration flows from the depth of our inner life ... with joy and thanksgiving. This is the holiness to which we are called. Our every day should thus be sanctified. In Francis’ time, this sanctification of the day was given clear expression in the divine office. This is still the Church’s understanding of the Liturgy of the Hours. We pray with the Son in his Mystical Body celebrating God’s gift of salvation throughout the day. For Francis, praying the Office is also a sign of fidelity to the Church’s tradition of daily praise and intercession.”

“The created world is the expression of God’s goodness and the theater of God’s redemptive love for us. Because we are made in God’s image, it is possible for us to seek union with God as we do God’s will. Thus the Franciscan does not flee the world in order to escape to God, but seeks immersion in its sacramental reality.”

– Margaret Carney, OSF, and Thaddeus Hogan, SA, Franciscan Federation, 1997

- Your Fraternity Council



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EVENING PRAYER

We will pray the
Sorrowful Mystery’s
of the Rosary in the
chapel.



Please Pray For ...

- Connie Baker**, OFS
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- Mary Ferrara**, OFS
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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, April 5th - 1:30pm (social)
2:00pm ~ 4:00pm

Place: Jerry Yu: 2812 Green Shade Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Tel: 410 988-5753

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

Chapters: "The Journey and the Dream" - Page 90
"A Mountain Jonquil" - Page 92
"Changes in the Order" - Page 93



**OUR DECEASED
BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

- Frances Bastress**, SFO
- Joe Bezila**, SFO
- Jerry Cichowicz**, SFO
- Shirley Costello**, OFS
- Joe Cykoski**, SFO
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- Bud Tenley**, SFO
- Regina Yeager**, SFO
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Remembering Your Profession

Gail Bunyan OFS 3/21/99

Holy Land Shrine in Washington D.C.

A trip to the Holy Land Shrine in Washington D.C. at the Franciscan Monastery, 1400 Quincy St. N.E., is planned for our fraternity by our brother, Patrick Caughy, OFS, ptcaughy@hotmail.com (410 744-8119), for Saturday, April 12th, Palm Sunday weekend:

http://www.myfranciscan.org/utm_source=Spring+Newsletter+2014&utm_campaign=Spring+2014+Newsletter&utm_medium=email

At 11 am, we are scheduled for a guided tour of the replica of some of the holy sites of the Holy Land. We will meet at the entrance of the church and the tour will start at the St Anthony altar inside the church, the tour will take about 45 minutes. After the tour we will have lunch in the beautiful garden area, so bring a drink and bag lunch. After our lunch, if you wish, you can stay for confession, personal time and quiet prayer.

The Poor Clare's are just two blocks away and have a small chapel open to the public for Adoration. The chapel would be perfect for additional silent prayer and or reading materials for Lent and Holy Week. We could all come together for closing prayer before returning home around 2 pm. Looking forward to seeing you at the Holy Land Franciscan Monastery.



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: \$1113.32

Income **652.00**
Total **\$1765.32**

Expenses:

Franciscan Friars **\$ 100.00**
Brother Lawrence **50.00**
Name Tags **25.43**
Donation to Grass Roots **268.00**
Donation to Franciscan Association **300.00**
Website Design **15.00**
Profession Mass **300.00**
Total Expenses: **\$1058.43**

Ending Balance: \$ 706.89

Thank You for your monthly contributions

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Thomas Becket: Warrior, Priest, Rebel

Last time, we took a whirlwind tour of the first thousand years after Christ. Today, we turn the clock ahead by just 120 years to the part of London called Cheapside where the family of Gilbert and Matilda Becket and their son Thomas lived. The Becketts had migrated from Normandy to London to take advantage of the new opportunities offered merchants. John Guy's *Thomas Becket: Warrior, Priest, Rebel* (Random House) offers a very detailed account of Thomas's rise to chancellor and then Archbishop under King Henry II. Becket began his work under the guidance of Theobald, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

A fascinating account of the relationship between Thomas and Henry is presented along with intriguing glimpses into the lifestyles of Kings, priests, archbishops, cardinals, and the pope (which pope depended on which side of the split you were on). Henry essentially appointed Thomas as Archbishop expecting him to be loyal as both chancellor and Archbishop. Interestingly, before Becket could take on the role as Archbishop, he had to be ordained as a priest. Becket, apparently seeing the possible conflict of interests, surprised Henry by resigning as chancellor. Although many accounts portray Henry and Thomas as good friends, the book presents a less than equal relationship with Henry on many occasions reminding Thomas of his lower class beginnings.

The battle over the rights of Church and state is a long and complicated struggle, with Thomas slowly coming to realize all that was involved. One of Thomas's concerns was that Henry wanted to separate the Church of England from the Catholic Church. Many attempts at reconciliation between Henry and Thomas are shown, but Henry usually proves to be a man who does not keep his word. At the end, in a fit of anger, Henry remarks how he wished that Thomas could be dealt with finally. Overhearing this, four of Henry's knights, thinking they would get a good promotion, take it upon themselves to murder Thomas. Often the book refers to this as an assassination, but the author makes it clear that Henry did not intentionally order this attack to occur. Henry was shocked, but probably relieved to have Thomas gone. The confrontation between this Henry and Thomas sets the stage for another confrontation a few hundred years later between another Henry and Thomas. This is a truly interesting, well-researched, and even-handed book on this gruesome incident in history. - Harry Ford, OFS

March Birthdays



Cindy Mohler, OFS 3/13
Amy Kulesa, OFS 3/17
France Staudenmann OFS 3/29

April Birthdays

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

THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE ORDER

From the International - General Chapter 2011

THE USE AND THE TRANSLATION OF THE NAME OF THE ORDER

1. The official name of the Order is Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis.
2. Translations of the name of the Order
 - 2.1. The translation of the name of the Order is already made in the four official languages, and these are the ones to be used in these languages, namely in Italian, in English, in Spanish and in French.

2.2. The name can be translated into local languages only when the literal translation from Latin is easily understandable even by the civil society and does not change its meaning or substance.

2.3. When the translation into the national language distorts the meaning of the name, or is linguistically impossible to transfer the genuine meaning, Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis must always be used, which can be followed by expressions to clarify and make more understandable the nature of the Secular Franciscan Order to everyone in the local language.

3. The acronym

The acronym which refers to the name Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis is OFS and is always to be used regardless of the language. For example, when Secular Franciscans use the acronym after their name, they must use "OFS".

Encarnación del Pozo, OFS, Minister General

LENT: PRAYER, PENANCE AND CHARITY TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
– from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI - Lent February 26, 2012

"The Lord chose to undergo the attack of the tempter so as to defend us with His help and instruct us with His example", said the Holy Father quoting a text written by St. Leo the Great. This episode teaches us that man is never free from temptation, but we can become stronger than any enemy "by following the Lord every day with patience and humility, learning to build our lives not without Him or as if He did not exist, but in Him and with Him, because He is the source of true life. The temptation to remove God, to regulate ourselves and the world counting only on our own abilities, has always been present in the history of man", the Pope said.

In Christ, God addresses man "in an unexpected way, with a closeness that is unique, tangible and full of love. God became incarnate and entered man's world in order to take sin upon Himself, to overcome evil and to bring man back into God's world. But His announcement was accompanied by a request to respond to such a great gift. Indeed, Jesus said "repent, and believe in the good news'. This is an invitation to have faith in God and to convert every day of our lives to His will, orienting our every action and our every thought towards what is good. The period of Lent is a good time to renew and strengthen our relationship with God through daily prayer, acts of penance and works of fraternal charity".

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday
12 pm – 5:30 pm

Iconology March 17-22

9 AM – 6 PM

A Six day workshop on the traditional Byzantine-Russian icon writing method. For more information please call:

Mick Michieli-Beasley at
Home - 410 551-7373 or
Cell - 410 303-2392

Seder Meal

Mark your calendar for the
Seder Meal to be held on
Thursday April 10th from
6:00-8:30pm. in the Papal
Dining Room

April 13th Family Hour

The next Morningstar Family Holy Hour will be Sunday April 13th, 2014 from 4:00-5:00pm. Families with children of all ages are invited to join for a dynamic hour of prayer, song, learning about our Faith!