

# ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY

## Enkindle the Fire of Mercy in our Hearts

### Profession Ceremony – October 23, 2016

### Arrive at 2 PM, Profession Ceremony at 2:30 PM

*Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home)*, Paragraph 28  
Large cities dependent on significant supplies of water have experienced periods of shortage, and at critical moments these have not always been administered with sufficient oversight and impartiality. Water poverty especially affects Africa where large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water or experience droughts which impede agricultural production. Some countries have areas rich in water while others endure drastic scarcity.” ~ Pope Francis



## Profession Ceremony on the Fourth Sunday in October

### MINISTERS MESSAGE

Dear sisters and brothers in Francis and Clare,

Our October gathering will be on the **Fourth Sunday**, October 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of the third Sunday, the 2:30 Mass will satisfy our Sunday obligation. Eight of our candidates will make their permanent profession:

Mary Chandler, *OFS*  
Carl Fischer, *OFS*  
Charlene Heyden, *OFS*  
John Handiboe, *OFS*  
Jeanne Kerins, *OFS*  
Juliana Kim, *OFS*  
Boniface Kim, *OFS*  
Mark McPherson, *OFS*

We look forward to seeing all of you on **October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm**, please bring a covered dish for our potluck supper after the profession ceremony.

### Please Note

Our November gathering will be on **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** instead of Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. On the 20th the friars will close out “The Year of Mercy” with an afternoon Mass and celebration. The fourth Sunday of November, the 27<sup>th</sup> is the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

~ Your Fraternity Council

# The Flyer



### Our Fraternity Council

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*You're  
Invited*

**PROFESSION  
CEREMONY  
2:30 PM  
IN THE SHRINE  
CHAPEL**

## Message from Br. Lawrence



### Please Pray For ...

**Connie Baker**, OFS  
**Patrick Caughy**, OFS  
**Marlene Feaga**, OFS  
**Mary Ferrara**, OFS  
**Marie Lindung**, OFS  
**Jim Manning**, OFS  
**Georgianna Papazian**, OFS  
**Nancy Seaton**, OFS  
**Jim Tebo**, OFS



### OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

**Deacon Tom Bello**, OFS  
**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  
**Donna Duncan**, SFO  
**Charles Ferrara**, SFO  
**Dolores Fritz**, OFS  
**Marilyn Gilson**, SFO  
**Richard Hall**, SFO  
**Joy Kubricky**, OFS  
**Frances Langbehn**, SFO  
**Bob Lewis**, SFO  
**Jean Manning**, OFS  
**Yvonne Proch**, SFO  
**Betty Taylor**, SFO  
**Bud Tenley**, SFO  
**Regina Yeager**, SFO  
**Dorothy Zalewski**, SFO

Brothers and sisters,

Autumn. That season of the year when the temperature gets considerably cooler and the trees push into the air leaves of red, gold, and orange which flutter slowly down and down to the ground. It is my favorite season of the year because of these two elements alone. Like many, I enjoy cooler to hot temperatures; it's the leaves with which many have difficulty.

Those leaves which end up needing to be raked up and thrown away; that force one up a ladder to clear out the gutters of the house; that, when wet, cause the roads and walkways to become a slipping hazard. It seems that we can quickly forget their beauty. We forget that without the trees forcing them off the branches there would be no room for spring growth.

Reminds one of where Jesus says “unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies . . . .” The constant cycle of nature continues on its course which includes the cycle of life and death. What I want to write about here is the appreciation that we need to have for this process, specifically the penultimate part of the cycle – the beauty of the fall colors.

I went to college in Western Massachusetts and I loved the fall more from that experience than ever before. All the beautiful and brilliant colors coming forth has a purpose in the life cycle. The trees need to shed these leaves so that they can survive the winter by being dormant but also to prevent damage from snow landing on the tree branches filled with leaves and having the branches snap off the trunk.

Now, I am not trying to speak of botany here, but I do want to express that we should be thankful for this seasonal beauty of nature which serves a purpose in the yearly cycle of nature. What is most important to me is that the cycle is ordered to work this way. Year after year, autumn goes through the same ordered cycle so that these trees will be healthy when the time comes for them to awake from sleep and bring forth new leaves/new life.

St. Augustine of Hippo was very certain about the “order of nature” and he wrote a treatise on it. Basically, it is part of the design of the creation of God that it exist and function in an orderly manner. There is no chaos in creation! Remember from Genesis’ very opening “when God created” there was chaos to which God brought order and, if you will, discipline. There are dangers today to this orderliness ordained by God. Let those beautiful leaves this fall remind us of the order that God built into his creation. God’s orderliness was God (cf. Genesis 1) to disregard that order is to follow along lines contrary to God and, as Augustine also said, follow a sinful path.

Go out! Get out this autumn and experience the foliage and be reminded of the orderliness of creation.

Peace, Br. Lawrence



## Treasurer's Report

September 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>  
2016

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>\$1,668.93</b>
Income	760.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,428.93</b>

### Expenses:

Franciscan Friars	100.00
Brother Lawrence	100.00
Catholic Relief Services	300.00
Formation Expenses	132.79
Franciscan Friars–Picnic	400.00
Picnic Expenses	479.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,512.07</b>

**Ending Balance: \$ 916.86**

Thank You for your monthly  
contributions

**Contribution is Tax Deductible**

## October Birthdays



Brandon Justice, OFS	10/06
Bob Longo, OFS	10/06
Harry Ford, OFS	10/10
Lita Maisel, OFS	10/13
Angela Schuler, OFS	10/21
Michael Radcliffe, OFS	10/22
Theresa Heath, OFS	10/30

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"It would be considered a theft on our part if we didn't give to someone in greater need than we are."

*St. Francis of Assisi*



**November 13<sup>th</sup> Gathering** – Mass for our deceased sisters and brothers

December 18<sup>th</sup> Gathering – Annual Christmas Party

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Extraction of Saints and renewal of promises for professed



## Remembering Your Profession Anniversary

Theresa Heath, OFS	10/11/81
Lorie Chase, 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
Patricia Frederick, OFS	10/18/06
Amy Kulesa, OFS	10/20/03
Eileen Peregoy, OFS	10/20/03
Jim Tebo, OFS	10/23/77

## Profession

*One's profession in the Secular Franciscan Order is a special way of intensifying the effect of baptism. Entering a secular or religious order is not another sacrament, like ordination or marriage, precisely because its intent and result is identical to baptism, but on a deeper level. For example, a person may play a simple melody on the piano all by itself; that same melody is played again with harmonics and chords to give it an even greater richness, depth, and fulfillment. So, profession directs, intensifies, and deepens the "melody" of Christian life first played at baptism.*

~ Benet A. Fonck, OFM, Editor, Called to Follow Christ

# Mother Teresa and Francis of Assisi: Two Saints, One Spirit

by Guest Blogger

Every day after Holy Communion, St. Teresa of Calcutta and her community would say the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis. The foundress of the Missionaries of Charity carried with her a small reproduction of an old painting of Francis in which the weeping saint holds a cloth to his eyes. “He’s wiping his tears,” she said, showing the picture to the Franciscans around her. “I think he’s crying after receiving the Stigmata.” She treasured this keepsake, remarking that it is different from other items given to her, which her sisters and friends would sometimes “steal.” “I would never give this away,” she said, smiling.

Why did Mother Teresa admire Francis? And why did she think that he has had an impact on her life? “I suppose it’s because Francis of Assisi tried to imitate the poverty of Christ so closely,” she said. The incident in the life of Saint Francis that most appealed to her is his kissing of the leper. One day, Francis had passed a leper on the road—too repulsed at first even to greet the man. “But then he came back and embraced him,” Mother Teresa marveled. “That was the beginning of Saint Francis. That act of surrender *made* Francis. After that he was ready to give anything!”

Mother Teresa took Saint Francis' life as a model for her own. She and her sisters cared for 93,000 lepers when she was alive. Some of Mother Teresa’s fascination with Francis was more lighthearted: “I love Saint Francis of Assisi,” she once quipped, breaking into her famous smile, “because he had a great love for animals. He used to talk with them and play with them—and scold them if they did harm to anybody. I love animals, too. Animals are such simple creations of God’s beauty.”

Mother Teresa once recalled with some delight how Saint Clare of Assisi was inducted into the Franciscan family. Clare had stolen away from her wealthy family one night and come to Francis and the friars to have her beautiful golden hair cut off as a sign of her new commitment. “They cut her hair quickly, quickly,” Mother Teresa said with mischievous enjoyment—snipping her fingers in the air, “so nobody would want to take her back home!”

It is clear that Mother Teresa served the “least of us” in her lifetime with a Franciscan spirit. The two saints had an equal love for the poor: A government critic once told Mother Teresa she would do better to give people rods and teach them to fish than to give them fish. “The people I take care of—they are disabled, they’re hungry, they’re sick, they’re rejected by society, they have forgotten what love is. They are completely broken. I will give them the fish to eat and then when they are able to stand and hold the rod, I will hand them over to *you* and *you* give them the rod to catch the fish.”

**OUR GATHERINGS** – All should make every effort to attend our gathering every month. If you are unable to attend due to illness, work or family obligations, contact a council member (see page 1 for telephone numbers). If you are a candidate or are professed and miss a gathering, please send your check for the Common Fund to:

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	<i>Calendar</i>
<b>At the Friary</b>	
<b>Chapel Open Daily From 9 AM – 5 PM</b>	
<b>Noon Mass everyday</b>	
<b>All are Welcome</b>	
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Wednesdays from 4 - 5pm., and Monday through Saturday at 11:30am.	



## **General Constitution of the Secular Franciscan Order December 8, 2000 Article 2**

1. The vocation to the SFO is a specific vocation that gives form to the life and apostolic activity of its members. Therefore, those who are bound by a perpetual commitment to another religious family or institute of consecrated life cannot belong to the SFO.