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NEWSLETTER FOR THE
ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO FRATERNITY
OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS

January 16, 2022

*Extraction of Saints
Masks Required
(per Howard County)*

A Miracle of Saint Joseph of Cupertino, Public domain, 1750, Placido Costanzi, The Metropolitan Museum of Art
www.metmuseum.org

2022 in Our Franciscan Lives:

I intended to send the letter I had written to all of you, and then I found this plea to leave the Order* and decided to write concerning that. I thought about it for quite awhile and decided that I did not want to start a new year on such a negative concern. I have no doubt that all in this fraternity are faithful to both the OFS as well as the Church herself, so I decided to just mention the issue and leave it alone without any real consideration whatsoever for I am sure that there is really no need to address the issue.

Instead, let us celebrate membership in this fraternity and the Order itself founded by St. Francis who was always totally faithful to God and the Church. This should be a year of joy and the fulfillment of the hopes that come to us from our faith and will be fulfilled in the love for God and all others as well.

May 2022 be such a joyous year of faith, hope, and love for all of us and may we continue to be faithful to our commitment to the Order and the Church.

May God bless us all.

Br. Lawrence

(*For reference, see page 8)

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Minister's Message

When we say hope in the Lord, it includes our belief that nothing will be impossible with God, as Angel Gabriel said. (See Lk 1:37). However, when I meditate that all things are possible for God, I know that it does not always mean something good is falling to us, such as a sudden recovery from illness. When we say God is Good, it does not mean worldly good things.

Many of our sisters and brothers say "All Good" in emails to greet one another. When I see this word, I am always reminded of what Joseph, a son of Jacob, said to his brothers: "You thought evil against me: but God turned it into good, that he might exalt me, as at present you see, and might save many people." (Gn 50:20). I think it is our hope in the Lord and it means "God is All Good." When we say that we follow Jesus, our master, we also need to know "consciously" that Jesus was innocently afflicted out of jealousy. (See Mk 15:10 & Isa 53:9). If our Master is innocently afflicted, how can we expect that we may avoid innocent afflictions by following Jesus? We, Secular Franciscans, may need to boldly say that we are with the Lord on the cross, rather than simply hoping the Lord may give us something good always. Our faith is in overcoming difficulties with trust, hope and love in the Lord rather than asking for removing the difficulties.

If we are distressed with the unending pandemic, let's reflect on "God is All Good" and not harden our hearts, and be encouraged to keep our compassion for others who may need our help and generosity in this situation.

This year, we will have an election in June.

Please consider serving our sisters and brothers.

James Kim



Roundel with Joseph Buying Corn in Egypt,
South Netherlandish ~1520
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Are You Called to the Secular Franciscan Life?

Would you like to give more time to God, but wonder how to do that when your life is so busy? Do you long for holiness, and feel a need for support in growing spiritually? Perhaps your heart has been moved by stories of St. Francis of Assisi, or the Peace Prayer attributed to him, and you are seeking that same holy simplicity, true peace and perfect joy? If so, Christ may be calling you to explore the Secular Franciscan life. We would be happy to meet with you to share about the Franciscan journey. We invite you to contact us.

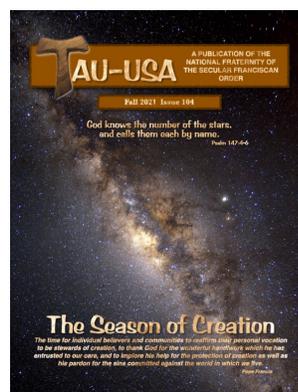
The Secular Franciscan Order is made up of women and men, single or married, or members of the diocesan clergy. We live in our homes and with our families but come together on a regular basis with our local Franciscan communities which we call Fraternities. Generally, we gather in fraternity once or twice a month to pray, to share with one another about our lives, and to continue our life long journey of formation. Both individually, and as fraternities, we engage in apostolic work and various ministries, with a particular outreach to the poor and marginalized, and a focus on peace, justice and care of creation. As Franciscans we are called to prayer and contemplation, as well as to an active presence in the world.

Admission into the Order is gradually attained through a time of initiation and a period of formation. It is a journey that involves three stages, culminating in Profession. Profession is a solemn ecclesial act by which the candidate publicly affirms their personal commitment to live the Gospel according to the Rule, and a commitment to the fraternity. To be admitted to the Order a person must be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. In the United States the minimum age for perpetual profession is 21; for temporary profession, 18. Youth and young adults who may be interested in Secular Franciscan Order, but are not ready to make a lifelong commitment, may be interested in our program for Franciscan Youth. ~adapted from <https://SecularFranciscansUSA.org>

Welcome, Visitors!

*Want to find out more about the
Secular Franciscans?*

- ◆ Attend a meeting. We meet (usually) on the third Sunday of the month at 1 pm.
- ◆ Check out our website:
<http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our-fraternity/>
- ◆ Check out our regional website:
<http://saintmargaretof cortona.org/>
- ◆ Check out our national website:
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>



Have you received your copy of the national newsletter, Tau USA Issue 104? If not, please click in the link below and read it online!

<http://SecularFranciscansUSA.org/tau-usa-newsletter/>



Of Habits, New and Old

~Deanna Williston, OFS

In his book, *The Four Last Things: A Catechetical Guide to Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell*, Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM recommends several daily practices; I wondered how I might interpret this into some new practices for the new year. This led me to other new books: *What it Takes to be an OFS Franciscan: The Time After Profession* by Lester Bach; *The Stories of the Third Order Secular Franciscan Saints and Blesseds* by Michael Koeberlein, OFS; and *How to Pray* by CS Lewis.

From *What It Takes*, I adapted this Morning Offering from the *Rite of Profession*: “While giving thanks to the Father through Christ for all the gifts I have received from Him, I have a special reason for gratitude today: the gift of His grace which He has given to those [who have] professed to live in the world according to the spirit of the Beatitudes, and also the gift of His grace which He has given to the whole community by adding... to the fraternity. The permanent commitment to the Gospel life publicly proclaimed today ... reminds us of something which is also made present every day in the Eucharist: After the example of Christ and in union with His own act of thanksgiving, I am to present myself before the Father as living sacrifices of praise given for the life of the world... I, (your name), by the grace of God, renew my baptismal promises and consecrate myself to the service of his Kingdom. Therefore, in my secular state I promise to live all the days of my life the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life. May the grace of the Holy Spirit, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our holy father St. Francis, and the fraternal bonds of community always be my help, so that I may reach the goal of perfect Christian love.” (6-7, see also *Rite of Profession within the Mass*, www.secularfranciscansusa.org)

Adding in a habit of reading a Saint’s biography every day will be easier with the one-page “once upon a time” stories by Koeberlein. Starting with a short history, the book quickly moves on to biographies of Franciscan Saints from St. Francis’ own mother straight through to Servant of God Br. Simon Van Ackeren (1918-1938). While there is no Index or Table of Contents (or political agenda), this delightful book is arranged chronologically by century.

Lastly, CS Lewis’ post-humous collection of essays, letters, and notes about prayer will help me to reflect on how, what, where, when, and why I pray. (I could spend years contemplating just pages 10-11.) I am sure that most of us have a well-developed prayer-life, but it is good to step back and evaluate our practices and breathe new life into them so that we can have a joyous New Year living the Gospel Life.

Saint Francis Starts a Christian Order by Pedro Subercasaeux used by permission of St. Francis Prayer Center, Stoneville, NC



The Rule Review

So that we might more fully live the Gospel Life, Secular Franciscans should not just read *The Rule*, but reflect on and pray with *The Rule*.

16. Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community. —*Gaudium et Spes* 67:2; *First Rule* 7:4 (1 FA:ED, ER 7:4, p. 68); *Second Rule* 5:1 (1 FA:ED, LR 5:2, p. 102).

16. 회원들은 노동을 하느님의 선물로 생각하고, 창조와 구원 성업 및 인류 공동체에 대한 봉사에 참여하는 것으로 생각해야 합니다.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order (with citations) may be accessed at anytime at:

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-rule-of-the-secular-franciscan-order/>

Please note that the English and Spanish versions have updated 2020 translations.

The Little Portion Farm

Little Portion Farm is a ministry of the Franciscan Friars Conventual, Our Lady of the Angels Province. The farm is located on the property of the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, MD and donates the food produced to The Franciscan Center. Little Portion Farm depends greatly on the generous support of individual and group volunteers, both on and off the farm. There are a variety of tasks that volunteers may engage in, including planting, weeding, harvesting, washing, packing, and delivering food. There are also occasional carpentry or farm improvement projects with which volunteers can help staff. In general, one does not need extensive farming or gardening knowledge to be helpful! Come serve and enjoy the outdoors, learn about sustainable farming, and help carry out the mission to care for the poor and protect creation!

Current opportunities include: 1) Drop off of clean, plain cardboard to the bins at the entrance of the farm; these broken-down boxes will be used in mulching the fields.

2) **\$250 Sponsor a fruit tree** On the north side of the farm the grounds are being prepared for a fruit orchard or "food forest." These 12 rows will be planted with around 60 fruit trees. In between the trees, smaller shrubs and perennials will be planted in order to fill in multiple ecological niches.

-Adapted from: www.littleportionfarm.org

“The chalice of benediction, which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? And the bread, which we break, is it not the partaking of the body of the Lord? For we, being many, are one bread, one body, all that partake of one bread. ” 1 Cor 10:16-17

The Shrine of St. Anthony

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard are open daily dawn till dusk.
Per new Howard County rules, masks must be worn indoors.

If you have any questions please contact the Front Office at 410-531-2800;
www.shrineofstanthony.org

Pendant: Saint Anthony of Padua, Kongo Kingdom, 16-19th Century, CC0,
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Note: There is no Secular
Franciscan Summer Seminar
in years with a Q.



Book Club– Admonition 8

Beware the Sin of Envy (p75...)

Join the online book club and delve more deeply
into: *St. Francis' Sermon on the Mount: Lessons
from the Admonitions* by John Michael Talbot.

Friends old and new usually meet on the first
Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!

Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details:
Angelbarty@aol.com

Next meeting is January 15

MOVED or Missing?

Please send any address, phone, or email changes to
our sister, Jeanne Kerins, OFS
(410) 227-6497 or jmkerins12@gmail.com.

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Please reach out to our brothers and
sisters who have not been attending our
gatherings & let us know how we can help
them reconnect with the fraternity and/or
any services they may need.

Tentative 2022 Calendar

- Jan 16** - Gathering:
Extraction of Saints
(2 pm Chapel)
- Feb 20** - Gathering
- Mar 5** - Regional Day of Reflection for
Inquirers & Candidates
- Mar 20** - Gathering
- April 24** - Gathering, *note date change.*
- May 13-15** - Regional Retreat
- May 15** - Gathering
- June 26** - Gathering: Elections,
note date change.
- July 17** - Gathering
- August 3-7**- 20th Quinquennial Congress
- Aug 21** - Gathering
- Sept 18** - Gathering
- Oct 16** - Gathering
- Nov 20** - Gathering:
Mass of Remembrance
(3pm Chapel)
- Dec 18** - Christmas celebration
- Cookies for Greccio

Breakaway Group from OFS

(The full, original article appeared in the TAU-USA Fall Issue #104)

by Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM

Each of our families is touched by broken relationships. At least somewhere in the family tree, there is likely to be divorce, separation, or some kind of estrangement. Our national fraternity is similar in this way: there is a group of energetic former Secular Franciscans who have broken their fraternal relationships with us to form a separate group of Franciscan tertiaries. Informed of their departure last year, OFS General Minister Tibor Kauser first expressed his sorrow at the division. It is sad when members leave...What this group is: a public association of the faithful sponsored by an individual friar province, which has taken the Leonine Rule from the OFS to guide the life of the members of this new group. Friar provinces have the right to establish such groups, and the groups can choose to live by whatever “rule” of life they want, as long as it’s not sinful.

While Canon 303 permits groups to call themselves a “Third Order,” canon law is using the term “Order” as a name, not a technical designation. It does not make the new group an “Order” in the church in the fuller sense in which the OFS is an Order. Following the Leonine Rule of 1883, which was abrogated (repealed) by the Church in 1978, does not make this group an “Order,” nor do the papal comments delivered when this Rule was in force apply to them. Leaving the OFS to join another Franciscan group is not a matter of simply changing fraternities. It means breaking a public commitment to the Church and to our fraternity that we made at profession...

If someone asks me to abandon my Secular Franciscan profession or suggests that the commitment I’ve made is not good enough, a good first step is to prayerfully remember why I professed in the first place and contemplate what my profession means. The commitment we all made has given us relationships – brothers and sisters – which means we cannot just “change our minds” and go to a different group. Ultimately, we turn to our own hearts. Perhaps there is a *sacrifice* that we can make for our Secular brothers and sisters, a choice out of love to accept a penance for unity. Just as many Catholics keep Wednesday and Friday meatless— not only out of tradition, but with a special intention for an increase in respect for all human life—so each of us might look at some way we can make a sacrifice to endure as *an offering for the unity and health* of our Order, our fraternities, and all of our Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters. Even when *challenged* by brokenness and discord, **one of the beautiful dimensions of our Franciscan life, at its best, is the relationship that we have with our brothers and sisters in the Franciscan Family, and freedom to strengthen that bond in harmony with the Church and the Gospel.**

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/2021/12/06/breakaway-group-actively-seeks-to-draw-members-from-ofs/>



Treasurer's Report

December – 2021

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| Beginning (running) Balance: | <u>\$ 5113.63</u> |
| Common Fund Contributions | \$ 651.00 |
| Directed Don., Christmas Families | \$ 400.00 |
| Total Income | <u>\$ 1051.00</u> |
| Intermediate Subtotal | <u>\$ 6,164.63</u> |
| Expenses: | |
| Spiritual Assistant | \$ 100.00 |
| Franciscan Friars | \$ 100.00 |
| Formation Expense | \$ 73.08 |
| Charity (Christmas Families) | \$2200.00 |
| Web | \$ 180.00 |
| Total Expense | <u>\$ 2653.08</u> |
| Ending (running) Balance: | <u>\$ 3511.55</u> |

Thank You from the whole fraternity for your contributions!

We donated \$1100 to each of two Christmas families Thank you!

The average contribution per person estimate for 2021 was \$156 per year.

Contributions are Tax Deductible.

Direct Donation checks to:

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity

Mail donations to:

Gerard Pinkas
3810 Marriottsville Rd.
Randallstown, MD 21133

You may use your bank's **BILL PAY**. Direct payment to:

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity
c/o address above.

Contact Gerry with any bill pay questions.

Happy Anniversary

On the anniversary of your profession:

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| 8 | Joan Bundy, OFS | 02/16/2014 |
| 8 | Chris Donaldson, OFS | 02/16/2014 |
| 8 | Harry Ford, OFS | 02/16/2014 |
| 8 | Kathy Ford, OFS | 02/16/2014 |
| 2 | Louise Hotovy | 02/16/2020 |
| 2 | Mike Hotovy | 02/16/2020 |
| 2 | Michael King | 02/16/2020 |
| 2 | Mimi Cox-Owens | 02/16/2020 |
| 2 | Joanne Patton | 02/16/2020 |
| 2 | Melissa Reed-Konigsdorffer | 02/16/20 |
| 2 | Bill Sefken | 02/16/2020 |
| 2 | Alice Umugiraneza | 02/16/2020 |



Happy Birthday!

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| Mike Hotovy, OFS | 01/06 |
| Jim Soltysiak, OFS | 01/26 |
| Br. Lawrence LaFlame | 01/26 |

Coming Next Month:

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| <i>Theresa Lam, OFS</i> | <i>02/06</i> |
| <i>Charlene Heyden, OFS</i> | <i>02/15</i> |
| <i>Jerry Yu, OFS</i> | <i>02/26</i> |
| <i>James Kim, OFS</i> | <i>02/27</i> |

Please Pray for Healing for:

Joan Babin, OFS
Karan Bevers, OFS
Gail Bunyan, OFS
Louise Hotovy, OFS
Mike Hotovy, OFS
Sherry Lewis, OFS

Gerry Pinkas OFS
Lita Maisel, OFS
Jim Tebo, OFS
Jerry Yu, OFS

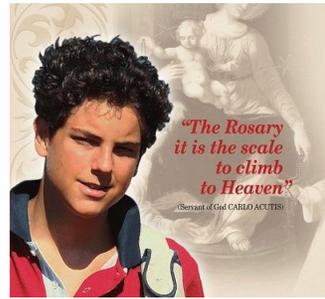


Image of Blessed Carlo Acutis, from [Home \(carloacutis-en.org\)](http://Home(carloacutis-en.org))

Our Deceased

Brothers & Sisters:

Connie Baker, OFS
Frances Bastress, SFO
Dea. Tom Bello, OFS
Joe Bezila, SFO
Mary Chandler, OFS
Jerry Cichowicz, SFO
Shirley Costello, OFS
Joe Cykoski, SFO
Stella Cykoski, SFO
Claire Lee Davidson, SFO
Adela Duff, SFO

Donna Duncan, SFO
Charles Ferrara, SFO
Mary Ferrara, SFO
Dolores Fritz, OFS
Marilyn Gilson, SFO
Richard Hall, SFO
John Kirby, SFO
Joy Kubricky, OFS
Frances Langbehn, SFO
Bob Lewis, SFO
Marie Lindung, OFS
Jean Manning, OFS
Jim Manning, OFS

Georgianna Papazian, OFS
Yvonne Proch, SFO
Nancy Seaton, SFO
Jean Singleton, OFS
Don Sweitzer, OFS
Betty Taylor, SFO
Bud Tenley, SFO
Regina Yeager, SFO
Dorothy Zalewski, SFO

Fr. Cronin Cantlon, OFM Conv.
Fr. James Elliott, OFM Conv.
Fr. Larry Kubera, OFM Conv.

UPCOMING GATHERING: January 16
*** Chapel * 2PM**

EXTRACTION OF THE SAINTS

- ◆ Our January Gathering will include the Extraction of the Saints.
- ◆ If you cannot be present, your Saint's name will be mailed to you.
- ◆ Per current Howard County rules, masks must be worn at all indoor gatherings.

St. Margaret of Cortona, ~1758, Gaspare Traversi, CC0, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, edited with frame —>

