

Up to Now

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Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing.

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Annual Inquirers' and Candidates' Day of Reflection

The seventh annual Day of Reflection was held on April 2 at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Md. A record number of attendees participated in the day. Approximately 75 orienters, inquirers, candidates, newly professed, formation team members and ministers convened to reflect on their commitment to living the Gospel, both in the fraternity and in their communities and homes.

The theme of the day was "Commitment to Fraternal Living." As in past years, the objective of the day was to deepen prospective Franciscans' understanding of what it means to live the Gospel as an essential part of the Franciscan way of life.

Fr. Mike Heine, OFM Conv., Director of the Shrine, gave the morning talk on ways in which new Franciscans can take what is already known of living the Gospel and enhance this through the perspective of Franciscan spirituality. This is done by learning to live as fraternity with our brother and sister Franciscans. Fr. Mike began his presentation with an introduction to the Shrine and a bit of its history.

The afternoon session was presented by Brother Lawrence LaFlame, OFM Conv., of the Shrine, and Spi-

ritual Assistant of St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity. Br. Lawrence talked about living the Gospel life within the context of our fraternities. He discussed commitment to the OFS, the importance of dialogue among members and ways we should serve one another.

An additional objective of the annual Day of Reflection is to introduce fledgling members of local fraternities to the regional fraternity as a larger context for their vocation. This is done through times of social interaction: a light breakfast and a more substantial luncheon are served. Times for the celebration of the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist are also provided.

The attendees found the day of reflection to be a helpful part of their continuing discernment process. Thanks go to Vicky Spalding, regional formation director, and the members of the regional formation team, Jeanie McLees, Denise Miente and Mike Huether.

The eighth annual Inquirers and Candidates Day of Reflection is tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2017.

*—reporting by Mike Huether,
Regional Formation Team Member*



Father Michael Heine, OFM Conv., Director of St. Anthony Shrine, presents the morning talk.

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Regional Minister's Message



THIS IS PERFECT JOY?

The first time I heard the story of Francis and Perfect Joy, I was an inquirer in my fraternity. I must say, it was one of the more difficult teachings for me. I struggled for a long time trying to understand how being miserable translated into perfect joy. It just didn't make any sense.

In a letter he dictated to Brother Leo, Francis begins by telling us what Perfect Joy is not: It is not if all the bishops, archbishops and kings should join the Order; not if all the brothers should go to the nonbelievers and convert them to the faith; not if God should grant Francis the grace to heal the sick and perform other miracles.

OK, so what, then, is Perfect Joy? Francis tells us:

I return from Perugia and arrive here in the dead of night. It's winter time, muddy and so cold that icicles have formed on the edges of my habit and keep striking my legs and blood flows from such wounds. Freezing, covered with mud and ice, I come to the gate and, after I've knocked and called for some time, a brother comes and asks: "Who are you?" "Brother Francis," I answer. "Go away!" he says. "This is not a decent hour to be wandering about! You may not come in!" When I insist, he replies, "Go away! You are simple and stupid! Don't come

back to us again! There are many of us here like you - we don't need you!" I stand again at the door and say: "For the love of God, take me in tonight!" and He replies: "I will not! Go to the Crosiers' place and ask there!" I tell you this: If I had patience and did not become upset, true joy as well as true virtue and the salvation of my soul, would consist in this.

So how is this Perfect Joy?

I don't think Francis sounded so very patient and calm when he said "For the love of God, take me in tonight!" Francis is not happy. He's wet, cold, bleeding, in pain. He's begging for someone to take him in and provide relief.

But he insists that this is the path to true joy, true virtue, and the salvation of my soul. Perhaps we need a clearer understanding of joy, particularly as it relates to happiness.

In a recent interview, the noted Benedictine monk and mystic, David Steindl-Rast said, "Joy is the happiness that doesn't depend on what happens. Usually, we have the idea, when something nice happens, then I'm happy, and when something bad happens, of course I'm unhappy. You can be unhappy, and yet joyful. We don't think of that. But there is a deep inner peace and joy in the midst of sadness. If we feel our way into it, we know. . . that kind of joy is what we really want, because happiness is not steady. But joy can be steady. And that's what we really want. We want the happiness that lasts."

Peace and all good,
Patrick

Group Email Etiquette

Patrick Martin jpmmartin@gmail.com [StMargretMin-L] <StMargretMin-L@yahoogroups.com>
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To avoid this problem, scroll down to the bottom of the email and click on "Reply to sender." The region thanks you for your courtesy. — *Mary Lou*

Posted by: Patrick Martin <jpmmartin@gmail.com>

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Regional Formation Director's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters, May the Lord give us His peace! As we conclude this Easter Season of the Lord's resurrection, let us renew in our own lives, our commitment to our faith in Christ Jesus. He has risen, my brothers and sisters! Truly, He has risen!

During the past few months, I have had the privilege of working with the Regional formation team to put together our Annual Day of Reflection for our inquirers and candidates. The day was held on April 2 at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. It was a wonderful day, with approximately 75 people in attendance; our largest number to date! Thank you to all who attended and helped that day. Please read more about this event in the article on page 1.

Currently, along with the Regional formation team, we are planning to hold a Formation Director's weekend workshop October 14–16th at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Md. A registration form will be coming out soon. Please let me know in advance if you will be able to attend. We are currently working out the cost and will let you know what that is shortly. Loyola would like to have a head count by August, so I would appreciate your decision as soon as possible. If you cannot attend, please consider sending someone on the formation team in your place. Thank you!

The goal of the workshop is to help provide you with the proper tools to assist you in animating and guiding those in formation. The topics we will cover will include, but are not limited to, information on the following:

- Open House flyer and letters
- Fraternity Sign in Sheet
- Format for printing fraternity brochures
- Letter of Response to those inquiring about the OFS
- Application to the Secular Franciscan Order
- Stages of the Franciscan Formation Program
- Candidate's Application for Profession
- Request for Recommendation Letter from Pastor
- Transfer Policy Procedure
- Transfer Form

- Lapsed Member Policy and criteria
- Excused Member Policy and criteria
- Prayer for OFS Vocations
- Committee sign-up sheets for your fraternity
- Suggested Fraternity Guidelines
- Power Point Presentations (Franciscan Meditation, Duties of Council, St. Clare's style of Lectio Divina, Confession, Eucharist, etc.)
- Scripture sheets w/Lectio Divina
- Franciscan saints' bios

All these and more will be available to you that weekend. Please do not miss it! The Regional Council and Formation team are available to assist you in any way possible. It is our goal to provide you with the necessary tools to grow in our Franciscan charism and to assist those under your guidance and direction to help discern their calling to the OFS.

We will begin on Friday evening by covering important topics such as the call and discernment to the OFS, as well as info on Open House, etc. Please keep in mind that the importance of fostering vocations to the OFS is not to obtain numbers to the Franciscan Order, but rather to help our aspirants to discern and foster vocations that are truly from God.

We will continue to cover topics that weekend on Orientation, Inquiry, Candidacy and On-going Formation. I would also like to hear your input in advance regarding the ways your individual fraternity has incorporated to help promote the Franciscan charism. Please write to me at vspalding@md.metrocast.net with your ideas.

By sharing these ideas, my brothers and sisters, we will be building a more fraternal world of evangelical poverty, purity of heart, and obedience to the Holy Roman Catholic Church, to which our vocations call us! May God bless you for all you do for Him and the Secular Franciscan Order. You are in my prayers!

*Victoria Spalding, OFS
Regional Formation Director*

Mark Your Calendar



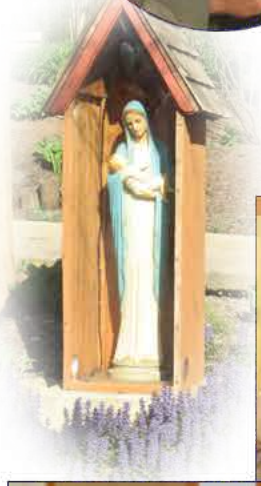
**June 30–July 4, 2016 —
Quinquennial Gathering/National
Congress.** Renaissance St. Louis Airport
Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. (See registration
form on [page 11.](#))

July 30, 2016 — 2nd Annual Area Franciscan Gathering.
Charlottesville, Va. (See registration form on [page 7.](#))

**October 14–16, 2016 —
Formation Directors Week-
end.** Loyola Retreat House,
Faulkner, Md.



St. Margaret of Cortona Region 2016 Annual Retreat



Around the Region

RECEIVED AS CANDIDATES

Joan Babin, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.
Hazel Cummings, St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Rockville, Md.
Brenda Dawson, St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Rockville, Md.
Denise Donaldson, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.
Portia Fiesta, St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Rockville, Md.
James Kim-Young, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.
Mick Michieli-Beasley, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED Holy Family Fraternity, Manassas, Va.

Minister: Peggy Gregory
Vice Minister: Rita Colleran
Secretary: Susan Majewski
Treasurer: Dave Scoffone
Formation Director: Deacon Brian Majewski



From left: Patrick Martin, OFS, Deacon Brian Majewski, OFS, Susan Majewski, OFS, Peggy Gregory, OFS, Rita Colleran, OFS, Father Kevin, Dave Scoffone, OFS

St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity, Washington, D.C.

Minister: Laura Rainey
Vice Minister: Mary Catherine Bibro
Secretary: Alexandria Oleksy-Ojikutu
Treasurer: Bill Hunt
Formation Director: Lenny Garcia



From left: Bill Hunt, OFS, Mary Catherine Bibro, OFS, Laura Rainey, OFS, Alexandria (Sandy) Oleksy-Ojikutu, OFS, and Lenny Garcia, OFS

St. Clare Fraternity (Korean), Olney, Md.

Minister: Martin Lee
Vice Minister: Clara Kuhms
Secretary: Theresa Yun
Treasurer: Susan Kim
Formation Director: Maria Lee



From Left: Patrick Martin, OFS, Father Damian Park, OFM, Martin Lee, OFS, Clara Kuhms, OFS, Theresa Yun, OFS, Maria Lee, OFS, Susan Kim, OFS, Al Gigel, OFS

St. Francis Fraternity, Washington, D.C.

Minister: Janice Benton
Vice Minister: Michele Thiec
Secretary: Mary Liepold
Treasurer: Dan Evans
Formation Director: Lolita Jardeleza
Councilor: Plater Campbell

St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va.

Minister: Bill Harrison
Vice Minister: Ann Corro
Secretary: Terrence Lisbeth
Treasurer: Ann Wester
Formation Director: Dennis Webb
Councilor: Janette Martin

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.

Minister: Robert Longo
Vice Minister: Ed Burgee
Secretary: France Staudenmann
Treasurer: Michael Radcliffe
Formation Director: Geri Flynn
Councilor: Lita Maisel



From Left: Lita Maisel, OFS, Geri Flynn, OFS, Ed Burgee, OFS, France Staudenmann, OFS, Bob Longo, OFS, Br. Lawrence LaFlame, OFM. Conv., Michael Radcliffe, OFS

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A Farewell to Tom Bello, OFS September 17, 1949 – March 29, 2016

Tom was professed June 12, 1983, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va. He was Regional Spiritual Assistant, former Regional Minister, former National Minister. After a lifetime of community and religious service, he died peacefully from melanoma in his McLean, Va., home, surrounded by his family, at the age of 66.

Those who met Tom Bello probably noticed what his wife Judy called his “signature laugh” (hardy and joyful), his brilliant observations, and his charity. He was a husband, and father of three children who tried to balance family and work in the Church. He was a deacon who preached and baptized, and visited prisoners and those in hospitals and nursing homes. He was a scholar (Oxford, Yale, UNC Chapel Hill) and teacher who taught Scripture Study and taught and helped

refugees and immigrants.

For 34 years, he taught adult refugees and immigrants English as a second language, enabling them to improve their lives through better communications skills. An award-winning teacher, he shepherded his adult students beyond the classroom to practice diverse skills and help them better understand their new homeland. For example, they traveled by Metro to the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, picked strawberries on local farms, filled out tax returns, and shared presentations, songs and foods representing each student’s cultural heritage. His classroom resembled a mini-UN at its best.

He was a Servant Leader on all organizational levels for Secular Franciscans. He was a missionary in Columbia and Peru and to the lepers in Brazil, and served the needy at Christ House. He was a national and international peacemaker with Franciscan Action Network. He even walked “the way” associated with the shrine of St. James and walked in the March for Life. He could not keep divine love within himself, but gave to others. We pray for him, and know he will intercede for us.

Links to the eulogies at Tom’s funeral Mass, in case you wish to share in this way in the celebration of his life:

<https://youtu.be/1dP2QP2UHrw>, Eulogy by Jackie Bello
<https://youtu.be/a7XD6wuQko8>, Eulogy by Judy Bello



(Around the Region, continued from page 5)

St. Thomas More Fraternity, Pennsylvania

- Minister: Stephen Wolf
- Vice Minister: Andrew Gubicza
- Secretary: Trish Wolf
- Treasurer: Stephen Hurtak
- Formation Director: David Artz
- Councilor: Elsie Arnold
- Councilor: W. Kenneth Ritchey

LOSSES IN THE FAMILY

Marguerite B. Thomas, OFS, December 16, 2015, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va.



From Left: David Artz, OFM, Andrew Gubicza, OFM, W. Kenneth Ritchey, OFM, Stephen Hurtak, OFM, Elsie Arnold, OFM, Stephen Wolf, OFM, Trish Wolf, OFM, Br. Michael Rubus, OFM Cap (friar witness delegate), Cynthia Evans, OFM (presider)

The St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Council is pleased to announce that Cynthia Evans has accepted our invitation to serve the remainder of Sharon Hare’s term as the MD/PA Area Councilor.

In the Spirit of our Seraphic Father – St. Francis of Assisi

2ND ANNUAL VIRGINIA GATHERING OF THE ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS



Saturday, July 30, 2016
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Church of the Incarnation
1465 Incarnation Drive
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Hosted by: Mt. La Verna Fraternity OFS

Pax et Bonum!

**Join us for a day to be inspired, refreshed, and revitalized in
our Franciscan charism!**

***All are Welcome! Religious and Secular Franciscans including candidates, inquirers and
spiritual assistants, friends and spouses.***

Submit Registration and full payment by **SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016**

YOU CAN PAY ONLINE AT:

<http://peaceandallgood.org/registration/>

TO PAY BY CHECK AND MAIL:

Send Check payable to Mt. La Verna Fraternity to:

Mt. La Verna Fraternity, c/o Melanie Bninski, 2501 Fontaine Ave. Charlottesville VA 22903

Name(s) and email of Participant(s):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Fraternity(ies): _____

Primary contact phone number: _____ Primary contact E-mail: _____

Amount enclosed with this form \$ _____ (\$25 X number of participants)

**[Directions to Church of the
Incarnation](#)**

For more information, contact:

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Rita Colleran, Regional Executive Councilor rita.colleran@comcast.net

Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

(Click on the name to go to a Web link.)

MAY

- 16 [St. Margaret of Cortona](#), penitent, Third Order Secular, d. 1297, Plenary Indulgence possible (renewal of engagements of the Third Order Secular)
 - [St. Theophilus of Corte](#), Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1740
 - 17 [St. Paschal of Baylon](#), lay brother, First Order, d. 1592
 - 18 [St. Felix de Cantalice](#), lay brother, Capuchin, d. 1587
 - 19 [St. Marie-Bernard Butler](#), Virgin, Third Order Regular, d. 1924
 - [St. Crispin of Viterbo](#), lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1750
 - [St. Theophilus of Corte](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1740
 - 19 [St. Yves](#), Priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1303
 - 20 [St. Bernardine of Siena](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1444
 - 21 [Bl. Franz Jägerstätter](#), martyr, Third Order Secular, d. 1943
 - 22 [St. Joaquina Vedruna](#), Virgin, was a tertiary before founding religious Institute, d. 1854
 - 23 [Bl. Gerard of Villamagna](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1242
 - 24 [Bl. John of Prado](#), Priest, First Order, martyr. d. 1631
Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253
 - 26 [St. Mariane of Jesus Parades](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular, d. 1645
 - 27 [Bl. Gerard of Lunel](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1270
 - 30 [St. Joan of Arc](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular, d. 1431
[King Saint Fernando III](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1252
 - 31 [St. Camilla Battista of Varano](#), Virgin, Founder, Second Order, d. 1524
- ### JUNE
- 1 [Bl. John Pelingotto](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1304
 - 2 [St. Felix of Nicosia](#), Capuchin Lay Brother, d. 1787
 - 3 [Bl. Andrew of Spello](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1254
 - 4 [St. Francois Caracciolo](#), Priest, was a tertiary before founding another religious Institute, d. 1608
 - 5 [Bl. Pacific of Cerano](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1482
 - 6 [Bl. Lawrence of Villamagna](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1535
 - 7 [Bl. Humiliana Cerchi](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular, d. 1246
 - 8 [Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi](#), Capuchin lay brother, d. 1958
 - 12 [Bl. Florida Cevoli](#), Capuchin Poor Clares, d. 1767
 - [Bl. Jolenta](#), religious, Second Order, d. 1298
 - [108 Polish Martyrs: Bl. Antoninus Bajewski](#), priest, and companions, martyrs (Pius Bartosik, Innocent Guz, Achille Puchala, Herman Stepien, priests; [Timothy Troianowski](#), Boniface Zukowski, religious), I Ord.
 - 13 [St. Anthony of Padua](#), priest, doctor, First Order, d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for codbearers
 - 15 [St. Vincenta Gerosa](#), a tertiary before founding another religious Institute, d. 1847
 - 16 [Bl. Anizet Koplín](#), priest, and companions, martyrs of Poland (Henry Krzystofik, Florian Stêpniak, Fidelis Chojnacki, Symforiam Ducki), I Ord., d. 1942
 - [Bl. Guy \(Guido\) Vignotelli](#), priest, First Order, d. 1245
 - [Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer](#), Virgin, Third Order Regular, d. 1888
 - 17 [St. Albert Chmielowski](#), religious, Third Order, founder, d. 1916
 - [Bl. Peter Gambacorti](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1435
 - 18 [Bl. Guy of Cortona](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1250
 - 20 [Bl. Micheline de Pesaro](#), Third Order Secular, d. 1356
 - 21 Bl. Herman Stapien, Priest, Conventual, martyr 1943 (Polish Martyrs)
 - 22 [St. Thomas More](#), Martyr, Third Order Secular, d. 1535
 - 23 [St. Joseph Cafasso](#), Priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1860
 - 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 - 25 [Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio](#), lay brother, First Order, d. 1232
 - [Bl. Jutta of Thuringia](#), Third Order Secular, d. 1264

- 26 **Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin**, bishop, First Order, d. 1936
Bl. Frederick Jassoone, Priest, First Order, d. 1916
- 27 Bl. Marguerite Baey, Virgin, Third Order Secular, d. 1879
- 28 **St. Barthelemie Capitanio**, Virgin, was a tertiary before founding another religious Institute, d. 1833
- 30 **Bl. Raymond Lulle**, Martyr, Third Order Secular, d. 1315

JULY

- 1 Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1865
St. Junipero Serra, priest, First Order, d. 1784
- 3 **Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta**, Virgin, founder, Third-Order Regular, d. 1886
- 4 **St. Elizabeth of Portugal**, queen, Third Order Secular, d. 1336
- 7 **Bl. Davanzato**, bishop, Third Order Secular, d. 1295
Bl. Oddino Barrotti, Priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1400
- 8 **Bl. Gregory Grassi**, bishop, and companions, martyrs, I Ord.
- 9 **St. Nicholas Pick**, priest, and companions, martyrs, First and Third Order, d. 1572
St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1727
120 Martyrs of China, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900
- 10 **11 Martyrs of Damas**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1860
- 11 **11 Martyrs of Holland**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1572
- 12 **Sts. John Jones and John Wall**, priests, martyrs, First Order, d. 1679
Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin, Third Order Secular (parents of St. Therese of Lisieux)
- 13 **Bl. Angeline of Marisciano**, Third-Order Regular, d. 1435
- 15 **St. Bonaventure**, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1274
- 16 **Canonization of St. Francis**, Canonized 16 July

1228 by Pope Gregory IX

- St. Francis Solano**, priest, First Order, d. 1610
St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, founder, Third-Order Regular, d. 1846
- 18 **St. Simon of Lipnica**, Priest, First Order, d. 1482
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest, was a tertiary before founding another religious Institute, d. 1614
- 21 **St. Lawrence of Brindisi**, Priest, Capuchin, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619
- 23 **St. Bridget of Sweden**, widow, Third Order, d. 1373
- 24 **St. Cunegunda**, religious, Second Order, d. 1292
Bl. Louise of Savoy, Virgin, Second Order, d. 1503
Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary, priest, First Order, d. 1864
Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop, Conventual, d. 1752
- 27 **Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinengo**, virgin, Second Order, d. 1737
- 28 **Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska**, Virgin, Capuchin Poor Clares, martyr, d. 1941
Bl. Mattia Nazarei, virgin, Second Order, d. 1320
- 30 **St. Leopold de Castelnuovo**, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1942

AUGUST

- 2 **Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula**
- 3 **Bl. Frederic Janssoone**, priest, I Ord.
- 4 **St. John Vianney**, priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1859
- 5 Bl. Marie-Francoise de Jesus, Virgin, Third-Order Regular, d. 1904
- 7 **Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian**, Capuchin priests and martyrs, d. 1638
- 8 **Holy Father Dominic**, priest, founder, Order of Preachers, d. 1221
- 9 **Bl. John of La Verna**, priest, First Order, d. 1322
- 11 **St. Clare of Assisi**, virgin, founder of the Poor Clares, d. 1253
- 13 **Bl. Mark of Aviano**, Bl. Mark of Aviano, priest, First Order, d. 1699.
- 14 **St. Maximilian Kolbe**, priest, Conventual, martyr, d. 1941
- 16 **Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1350
- 17 **St. Roch of Montpellier**, Third Order Secular, d. 1327

Websites of Interest

The Pope Said What? 8 Tips on Clarifying Suspicious News about Pope Francis

<http://catholic-link.org/2015/01/24/the-pope-said-what-8-tips-on-clarifying-suspicious-news-about-pope-francis/?platform=hootsuite>

Thank you, John Clem

The History of Calendars

http://uvamagazine.org/articles/the_history_of_calendars?platform=hootsuite

Thank you, John Clem

Did you ever hear of the Armenian city of Ani? Neither did I!

<http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20160309-the-empire-the-world-forgot>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ani>

The Life of Pope Francis in 4 Minutes (Translated in 19 Languages)

<http://catholic-link.org/2013/06/26/the-life-of-pope-francis-brought-to-life-in-4-minutes/?platform=hootsuite>

Thank you, John Clem

An inspiring video on YouTube.com of Christian peacemaking. It is about Coptic Christians who used non-violent response during the recent civil war in Egypt. It is very Franciscan in flavor, and is an example of spiritual remediation, rather than harmful propagation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoGLK1ckRXo>

Thank you, Mark Ingraham

A Revolution of Tenderness: A 2016 Election Pope Francis Voter Guide

Long version:

<https://paxchristiusa1.files.wordpress.com/2016/04/electionguide-longversion.pdf>

Short version:

<https://paxchristiusa1.files.wordpress.com/2016/04/electionguide-shortversion.pdf>

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Thank you, John Clem



"Monk at Computer" from the Centre for the History of the Book, University of Edinburgh

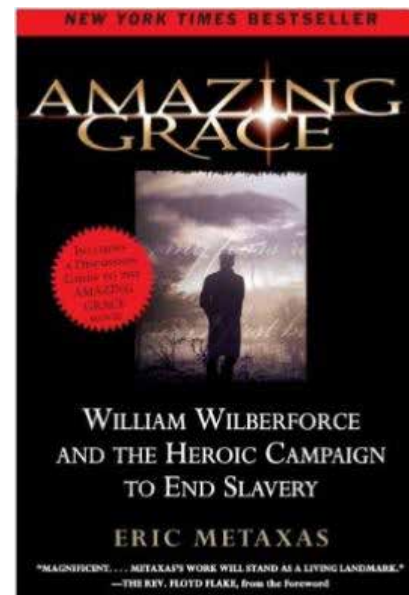
What Are We Reading?

Amazing Grace, Eric Metaxas, HarperCollins, New York, 2007.

William Wilberforce electrified Parliament in his early years, before he yet had a cause. His silver tongue and quick wit won him many friends, including Prime Minister William Pitt the Younger. Had Wilberforce continued along this path, he might well have succeeded Pitt.

With respect and sensitivity, Metaxas documents a powerful change to Wilberforce. Through a serious and intelligent conversion to Evangelical (Methodist) Christianity, Wilberforce's life was forever altered. His heart was changed... to God and humanity. He could no longer ignore the sufferings of African slaves, kidnapped and shipped under horrible conditions to a living death in Britain's Caribbean colonies. He brought his faith to bear on politics... as controversial in his day as in ours.

Metaxas dramatically shows how much Wilberforce suffered for the sake of abolition. He faced powerful and dangerous foes without fear or malice. By the force of his stubborn will, Wilberforce awakened the British conscience. He refused to turn back, despite many bitter setbacks. Returning to Parliament year after year, Wilberforce finally saw the abolition of the slave trade in 1807. Then, three days before his death, he witnessed Parliament's history-changing vote to outlaw slavery throughout the British colonies.





Secular Franciscan Order XIX QUINQUENNIAL “Reviving Our Spirit” June 30 to July 4, 2016, Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel General Information Sheet

Date: Welcoming session begins on Thursday, June 30, late afternoon. The Congress concludes with a closing Mass after dinner on July 3. Monday, July 4, is a travel day. No meals will be provided that day. Hotel restaurant hours will be posted on arrival.

Registration: Registration begins at 11:00 am Thursday, June 30. Registration fee includes meals beginning with dinner on Thursday evening, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and snacks at breaks, plus the cost of materials and other Quinquennial expenses.

Registration deadline: June 9, 2016 No refunds after May 1st
 Registration form and check, made out to **NAFRA**, are to be mailed to:
Judy Haupt, OFS, 204 Abbey Glen Way, Hardeeville, SC 29927

Registration Rates Register By	Program and Meals	Single day meals (no room)
April 15, 2016	\$320	\$125
April 16 to May 31, 2016	\$370	\$125
June 1 to June 9, 2016	\$420	\$140

Rooms: Reservations for lodging must be made **prior to June 9** with the **Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel**, 9801 National Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO, 63134.

Mention date and NAFRA to get the special rate. Phone: 1-888-340-2594 or 1-314- 429-1100

You can also use the following link to make reservations .

[Book your group rate for NAFRA \(Includes Complimentary Self Parking and Basic High Speed Internet:\)](#)

Room Rate: \$89 per night **per room** plus taxes and fees for 1 to 4 people. Room charges must be paid upon arrival at the hotel. The rooms have 2 Queen Beds or 1 King Bed.

Note: In the event that a guest checks out prior to the guest’s reserved checkout date, an early departure fee of **\$75.00** will be charged to that guest’s individual account. To avoid this fee, please advise the hotel at or before check-in.

Transportation and other amenities: The Hotel provides free shuttles to and from the airport, free parking and high-speed Internet. See their website for a complete list: www.renaissancehotels.com/stlsa

Accessibility Needs: Limited number of rooms available. **Notify Hotel of needs when registering.**

- τ Wheelchair access is **required:** Uses a wheelchair or scooter and needs roll-in shower.
- τ Easy access is **requested:** Difficulty walking. Needs a room located near the elevator and/or walk-in shower.

Note: Special dietary needs and requests for a roommate must be noted on registration form.

Miscellaneous: Please consider bringing personal care items to be donated to the Franciscan St. Anthony’s Food Pantry in St. Louis. Some ideas are toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, and so on.

Questions? Find us on: *web-* the2016q.org, *e-mail* the2016q@gmail.com, *Twitter* #the2016q



XIX QUINQUENNIAL “Reviving Our Spirit”

June 30 to July 4, 2016 Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel

Registration Form

Important Instructions:

1. Please **TYPE** or **PRINT** all information clearly.
 2. Only one participant per registration form.
 3. Payment must accompany this form.
 4. Make your check for registration payable to **NAFRA**.
 5. Mail this form with payment to: **Judy Haupt, OFS**
204 Abbey Glen Way
Hardeeville, SC 29927
 6. Hotel reservations must be done separately by each person with the hotel prior to **June 9** with the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Mention dates and code NAFRA to get the rate.
Phone: 1-888-340-2594 or 1-314- 429-1100 Website: www.renaissancehotels.com/stlsa
- PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY** (One name per form.)

Title	First Name	Last Name	(Name on Badge if Different)
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Address	City	State	Zip	Country
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Name of Your Secular Franciscan Order Region

Full Registration: See Information Sheet. Checks made payable to NAFRA. **No refunds after May 1st.**
Note: We cannot accommodate walk-in registrations at the Quinquennial.

Registration (Room not included.)	Program and Meals	Total Amount	Check #
Before April 15, 2016	\$320		
April 16 to May 31, 2016	\$370		
June 1 to June 9, 2016	\$420		

Day Only Registration: You may attend Thursday evening session for \$0.00 (Dinner **not** included).

Days	Amount Per Day	# of Days	Total Amount	Check #	Circle Days Attending
Before May 31, 2016	\$125				FRI SAT SUN
June 1 to June 9, 2016	\$140				FRI SAT SUN

- τ Special Dietary needs: _____
- τ Language preferred for small group sessions _____
- τ Need a roommate assigned _____ Please match with someone (M or F) _____