



# ***THE FLYER***

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

A Miracle of Saint Joseph of Cupertino, Public domain, Placido Costanzi, The Metropolitan Museum of Art <https://metmuseum.org>

**June 26, 2022**

**ELECTIONS**

**Our Theme for the Year is:  
The Eucharist: The Lord's  
Body & Blood**

## **Greetings from Brother Lawrence**

In this month of June, we are slated to have new elections for the Council for the next few years. There are two concerns that I have and certainly they can be only eradicated by the fraternity members.

First, we need to have a quorum of one more than half of the active members of the fraternity present. The quorum is necessary and, if it is not met, we cannot have the election. In these Covid months, the number of members has been extremely small; I hope and pray that it will now begin to return to normal especially, so that we can have the election this month.

Second, we still need someone to run for minister and for treasurer. These jobs are important ones for the community and I hope that someone will step forward in the next week or two. As a member of the fraternity, we are sometimes called by the Spirit to serve the fraternity in different ways and I pray that you will consider seriously if you think that the Holy Spirit is calling you. These are not overwhelming tasks that run to many extra hours of time, but they are important. Please consider this and let James know if you want to answer the Spirit's call.



Enjoy the summer and I hope to see many of you once again on the 26th of June.

Br. Lawrence

The Ascension by William de Brailes, 1230, cropped from original manuscript, cc0 The Walters Art Gallery

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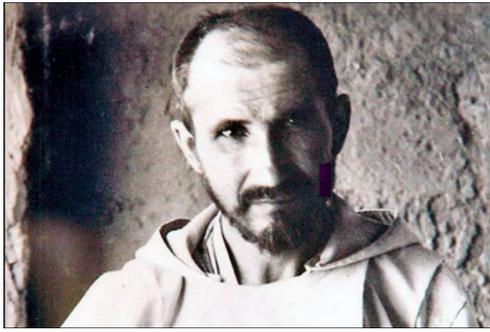
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*Bible quotes are from the Douay-Rheims translation, unless otherwise noted.*



## Minister's Message

A few weeks ago (May 15th), St. Charles de Foucauld was one of ten new Saints canonized at the Vatican; I was so delighted to hear the news. When I was in graduate school, I learned about St. Foucauld through the Little Brothers of Jesus, a religious congregation which was founded by followers of St. Foucauld after his death.

I thought this man might become a saint someday, and that day eventually came.

St. Foucauld (1858-1916) was a French army officer involved in battles in the north African regions. After leaving the army, he entered the Trappist order, and after being ordained as a priest, he moved to the southern part of Algeria in the Sahara to live as a hermit. He lived there with Muslims, trying to be a friend of Muslims and to understand their cultures and lives. However, during a conflict in that region, he was killed. During the time that I learned of this holy man, I struggled with how the Catholic faith could be connected to secular life. Having many ambitions, I was chasing many rabbits at the same time. I was afraid I might forget the Lord while pursuing achievements in my professional life among pagans. I had no idea how I could remain faithful to the Lord while achieving my goals in the secular world. It's the life story of St. Foucauld that gave me a rough idea of what I would do. It's why St. Foucauld was always in my mind for decades.

In the homily, Pope Francis exactly described the way St. Foucauld lived:

He [God] loved us first; he waits for us; he keeps loving us. This is our identity: we are God's loved ones. This is our strength: we are loved by God. Acknowledging this truth requires a conversion in the way we often think of holiness. At times, by over-emphasizing our efforts to do good works, we have created an ideal of holiness excessively based on ourselves, our personal heroics, our capacity for renunciation, our readiness for self-sacrifice to achieve a reward. This can at times appear as an overly "pelagian" way of viewing life and holiness. We have turned holiness into an unattainable goal. We have separated it from everyday life, instead of looking for it and embracing it in our daily routines, in the dust of the streets, in the trials of real life and, in the words of Teresa of Avila to her Sisters, "among the pots and pans". Being disciples of Jesus and advancing on the path of holiness means first and foremost letting ourselves be transfigured by the power of God's love.

(The full text can be found at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2022/documents/20220515-omelia-canonizzazione.html>)

This is my last minister's message. I would like to thank our members and council members for having supported us for the last three years. May the Lord bless all of us.

James Kim



## Treasurer's Report

May

2022

Beginning (running) Balance:	<u>\$2175.15</u>
Common Fund Contributions	\$ 225.00
Other	\$ 11.97
Total Income	<u>\$ 236.97</u>
Intermediate Subtotal	<u>\$2412.12</u>
Expenses:	
Spiritual Assistant	\$ 100.00
Franciscan Friars	\$ 200.00
Musician	\$ 120.00
Total Expense	<u>\$ 420.00</u>
Ending (running) Balance:	<u>\$1992.12</u>

Thank You from the whole fraternity for your contributions!

**"In the Holy Family, Mary and Joseph were noted for their greatness of soul, faith and liberality. (cf. The Life and Glories of St. Joseph, E.H. Thompson, 1888, p. 226). There is no doubt that in his humanity, Jesus learned these things from quietly observing them. May we learn from the greatness of this most august example of the human family.**

The annual average donation per person for 2022 is \$176.

### **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.**

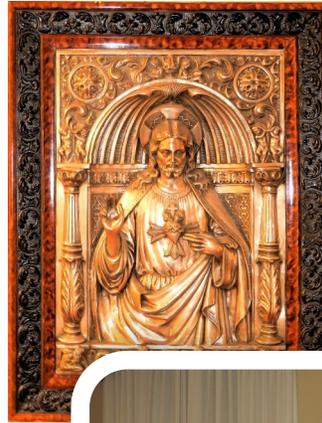
Direct payment to:

**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**  
**c/o address above.**

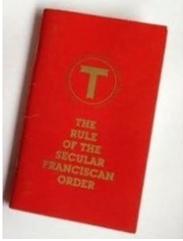
Contact Gerry with any bill pay questions.

## Retreat on the Potomac

St. Margaret of Cortona Region recently held their Spring retreat. Here are a few sights, courtesy of Jean-Louis:



## 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*.

22. The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members. (Pio XII, Discourse to the Tertiaries 3, 1/7/1956)

22. 단위 형제회는 교회법적으로 설립되어야 합니다. 그래서 단위 형제회는 재속 프란치스코의 첫 번째 세포가 되며, 사랑의 공동체인 교회의 볼 수 있는 표지가 됩니다, 그래서 각 단위 형제회는 교회의 뜻과 프란치스코의 성소를 진작시키기 위하여, 그리고 회원들의 사도적 생활에 활기를 주기 위하여 은혜 받은 곳이 되어야 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.



Photo by  
Jean-Louis



## WINE AT THE SHRINE

Wine at the Shrine is an event benefiting two wonderful organizations, **The Franciscan Center of Baltimore** and **Little Portion Farm** who are working in collaboration to assist the most vulnerable in our community and to care for the earth. This partnership allows us to provide thousands of pounds of fresh, local produce to those who are most in need, and often lack access to these foods. We believe that social, economic, and environmental health are deeply intertwined, which is why we are working together to provide economically disadvantaged individuals and families in Baltimore with healthy food grown in healthy soil.

We hope you can join us on **October 15, 2022** for a day of delicious beer and wine, local food trucks, live music, hayrides, Little Portion Farm tours, and kids activities – all on the beautiful grounds of the Shrine of St. Anthony.



Check for updates at: [www.WineAtTheShrine.org](http://www.WineAtTheShrine.org)



## **The Shrine of St. Anthony**

The Shrine Grounds & Courtyard are open  
daily dawn till dusk.  
If you have any questions please contact the  
Front Office at 410-531-2800;  
[www.shrineofstanthony.org](http://www.shrineofstanthony.org)

## **Happy Birthday!**

Boniface Kim	6/5
Richard Lam	6/6
Chris Donaldson	6/6
Dale Edmunds	6/25
Eileen Peregoy	6/26

### ***Coming Next Month:***

<i>Jeanne Kerins, OFS</i>	<i>07/11</i>
<i>Gerry Pinkas, OFS</i>	<i>07/18</i>

## **Happy Anniversary**

On the anniversary of your profession:

Barbara Levasseur, OFS	06/03/02
Bob Longo, OFS	06/15/96
Dale Edmunds, OFS	06/23/10
Patrick Caughy, OFS	06/24/12
Cindy Mohler, OFS	06/24/12
France Staudenmann OFS	06/24/12



## **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 2 pm.
- ♦ Check out our website:  
<http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/our-fraternity/>
- ♦ Check out our regional website:  
<http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>
- ♦ Check out our national website:  
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

## **July Events:**

- ♦ Gathering
- ♦ July 17 \* **Third Sunday**
- ♦ 2pm in the Classroom
- ♦ Come and support your new Council!

## **Moving or Changing Status?**

Our sister, Jeanne Kerins, OFS, needs to know of any change of your contact information, but also, would like to be able to pray with you for any changes in your health or living situation. Please contact her:

(410) 227-6497 or [jmkerins12@gmail.com](mailto:jmkerins12@gmail.com).

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.

## **Book Share– Admonition 14**

### **Poverty of Spirit**

Join our online book sharing 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](mailto:Angelbarty@aol.com)

**Next meeting is July 2**

## Elections on June 26 (fourth Sunday). Please consider serving your fraternity.

### The Fraternity Council (from the Constitutions)

**Article 49** 1. The Council of the local Fraternity is composed of the following offices: Minister, Vice-Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and Teacher of Formation. Other offices may be added according to the needs of each Fraternity. The Spiritual Assistant of the Fraternity forms part of the Council by right.

2. The Fraternity, meeting in an Assembly or Chapter, discusses questions regarding its own life and organization. Every three years, in an Elective Assembly or Chapter, the Fraternity elects the Minister and the Council in the way established by the Constitutions and Statutes.

**Article 50** 1. It is the duty of the Council of the local Fraternity:

- to promote the initiatives necessary for fostering fraternal life, for improving the human, Christian, and Franciscan formation of its members and for sustaining them in their witness and commitment in the world;

- to make concrete and courageous choices, appropriate for the situation of the Fraternity, from among the numerous activities possible in the field of the apostolate.

2. The duties of the Council are also: a) to decide on the acceptance and admission to Profession of new brothers and sisters;

b) to establish a fraternal dialogue with members in particular difficulties and to adopt subsequent measures;

c) to receive the request for withdrawal and to decide on the suspension of a member from the Fraternity;

d) to decide on the establishment of sections or groups in conformity with the Constitutions and the Statutes;

e) to decide on the use of available funds and, in general, to deliberate on matters concerning financial management and economic affairs of the Fraternity;

f) to assign duties to the Councillors and to the other professed members;

g) to request from the competent Superiors of the First Order and the TOR suitable and prepared religious as Assistants;

h) to perform such other duties as are required by these Constitutions or which are necessary to carry out its proper purposes.



*Preach the Gospel at all times,  
if necessary (and it is),  
VOTE!  
~Saint Francis*

## The Offices in the Fraternity

**Article 51** 1. While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the Council to animate and guide the Fraternity, the Minister, as the primary person responsible for the Fraternity, is expected to make sure that the directions and the decisions of the Fraternity and of the Council are put into practice and that he or she will keep the Council informed about the work being done.

### 2. The *Minister* also has the following duties:

- a) to call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the Fraternity and Council; to convoke every three years the Elective Chapter of the Fraternity, having complied with the requests of the Council on the formalities of the convocation;
- b) to prepare the annual report to be sent to the Council of the higher level after it has been approved by the Council of the Fraternity;
- c) to represent the Fraternity in all its relations with ecclesiastical and civil authorities. When, and if, the Fraternity acquires a juridical personality in the civil order, the Minister becomes, when possible, its legal representative;
- d) to request, with the consent of the Council, pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years.
- e) to put into effect those acts which the Constitutions refer to his or her competence as Minister.

### Article 52

#### 1. The *Vice-Minister* has the following duties:

- a) to collaborate in a fraternal spirit and to support the Minister in carrying out his or her specific duties;
- b) to exercise the functions entrusted to him or her by the Council and/or by the Assembly or Chapter;
- c) to substitute for the Minister in both duties and responsibilities in case of absence or temporary impediment;
- d) to assume the functions of the Minister when the office remains vacant.

#### 2. The *Secretary* has the following duties:

- a) to compile the official acts of the Fraternity and of the Council and to assure that they are sent to their respective proper recipients;
- b) to keep the records and the registers up to date and file them, noting admissions, professions, deaths, withdrawals, and transfers from the fraternity;
- c) to provide any communication of relevant facts to the various levels and, if appropriate, to disseminate through the mass media.

#### 3. The *Teacher of Formation* has the following duties:

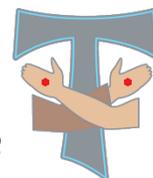
- a) to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the Council, the Formation activities of the fraternity;
- b) to instruct and animate the aspiring members during the time of initiation (before admission), the candidates during the period of initial formation, and the newly professed;
- c) to inform the Council of the Fraternity prior to Profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule.

#### 4. The *Treasurer, or Bursar*, has the following duties:

- a) to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the person who collected it.
- b) to record in the same register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the Fraternity Council;
- c) to render an account of his or her administration to the Assembly and to the Council of the Fraternity according to the norms of the National Statutes.

5. The provisions regarding the rights and duties of the Vice-Minister, the Secretary and the Treasurer apply, with the appropriate adaptations, at all levels.

**For it is in  
Giving your vote,  
that you receive  
a new council.**



**~St. Francis of A'quorum**

**Please consider serving your  
fraternity as a *servant leader* and  
by giving your *VOTE*.**



Photo courtesy of Jean-Louis

**Please Pray for Healing for:**

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| Karan Bevers, OFS  | Gail Bunyan, OFS |
| Louise Hotovy, OFS | Mike Hotovy, OFS |
| Sherry Lewis, OFS  | Lita Maisel, OFS |
| Jim Tebo, OFS      | Jerry Yu, OFS    |

**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
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- Fr. Larry Kubera, OFM Conv.

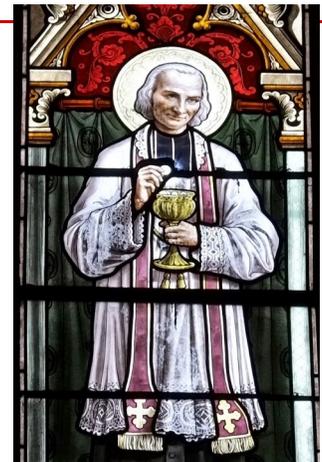
**UPCOMING GATHERING:**

**\* June 26 \* 4th Sunday \***  
**\* Glassroom \* 2PM \***

**WE NEED YOU  
TO VOTE**

*"To sustain the soul in the pilgrimage of life, God looked over creation, and found nothing that was worthy of it. He then turned to Himself, and resolved to give Himself."*

-St. John Vianney



St. John Marie Vianney  
stained glass window  
at  
Saint Germain les  
Belles Church