



Our Lady of the Rosary
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Minister's Reflections — Terry Carlino, OFS

The passing of our dear brother Denny and the traditional pre-Advent custom of the Church of ending the Liturgical year with thoughts of the Four Last Things impelled me to spend some time thinking of the Franciscan perspective on Sister Death as we move into this new year. After all as we move forward in life we move toward Earthly death and toward Eternal Life. So what does that mean for us as Franciscans? The General Constitution says:

Secular Franciscans should commit themselves to create in their environment and above all in their fraternities, a climate of faith and hope so that "Sister Death" may be regarded as a passage to the Father, and all may prepare themselves with serenity. Article 27

This comes from Rule 19:

Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

In our society, where death is often portrayed something to be avoided at all costs, a subject to be avoided if at all possible, and something push as far out of mind and out of sight as possible, we as Franciscans should always keep Sister Death in mind. Her cold embrace awaits us all, but through Christ she is no longer victorious. Her sting is now but a passing difficulty, swept away by the power of salvation.

Terry Carlino OFS

New year Resolutions for Every New Year

1. Read and meditate on a Rule each day.
2. Make time for spiritual reading and contemplation
3. Make good stewardship a lifestyle; volunteer at your church or through the Williamsburg House of Mercy.
4. Share your Catholic faith with others; wear your Tau
5. Take special care of the environment; recycle, write your elected officials concerning issues



Important Dates:

- 1/10 Donna Kendall – Birthday
- 1/21 Meeting – Fr. Walsh Room
 - 1:00 Members gather
 - 1:30 Opening Prayer
- ** Epiphany Party - Gift Exchange (Under \$20.)
- *** Collection for Yearly Charitable Mission (monetary donation - Check payable to SFO)

A reminder, the following members offered to bring these food items for the children at the Pineapple Inn on a monthly basis. We also collect diapers for infants to 27 lbs. for the Hope Baby Care Center

- Rick C. 2 cans chicken noodle soup
- Karen C. 2 cans split pea soup
- Paul R. 2 cans vegetable beef soup
- Bea S. 1 bag small tangerines
- Chuck & Marie 1 bag each apples & pears
- Maria F. 1 bunch green bananas
- Chris & Leo 2 microwave single meals
- Carol 2 packs fruit cups
- Eileen 2 packs pudding cups
- Peg 2 packs small individual cereal boxes
- Maria F. & Sandra 4 boxes pasta
- Barbara & Glenda 4 jars pasta sauce
- Eileen 2 juice boxes



Vice Ministers Corner - *Bea Sanford, OFS*

January 2018

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. The first eight days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color changes to green – a symbol of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of Heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Holy Father's Intentions for January 2018

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia - That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Franciscan Saints for January

- 3 Holy Name of Jesus.
- 4. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 5 Blessed Diego José of Cádiz (priest)
- 5 Saint John Newman
- 6. The Epiphany of the Lord
- 7 Blessed Angela of Foligno, religious, III Order
- 8 Blessed Eurosia Fabris, III Order
- 12 Saint Bernard of Corleone, religious, I Order
- 14 Blessed Odoric of Pordenone, priest, I Order
- 16 Saints Berard, priest, and companions, protomartyrs
- 18 Saint Charles of Sezze, I Order
- 19 Blessed Thomas of Cori was surely - as is said of St. Francis - not so much a man who prayed as a man who became prayer.
- 20 Saint Eustochia Calafato II Order
- 21 Saint Agnes
- 24 Saint Francis de Sales
- 27 Saint Angela Merici, virgin, III Order, founder
- 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas
- 30 Saint Hyacinth of Mariscotti, virgin, III Order
- 31 Saint John Bosco, priest, III Order, founder

I had the privilege of attending the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh, NC. Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama celebrated the Mass and gave a fabulous homily about the gift of being present to others; very Franciscan. As we await the installation of Bishop Designate Barry Knestout, we continue to pray for those in the Diocese of Richmond.



Creche at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Raleigh, NC





Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama 6th
Bishop Diocese of Raleigh, NC



Saint Francis of Assisi 1181-
1226 Founder of Franciscans

Deacon * Reformer * Stigmatist



Saint Clare of Assisi 1194-1253 Founder of Poor Clares

Contemplative * Mystic * Devoted to the Eucharist

