



Our Lady of the Rosary Secular Franciscan Fraternity Williamsburg, Virginia

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Message from Vice Minister— Richard Churray, OFS

Blessings and peace be upon you! I pray all is well with each of you and that you have had time to visit family members. I know for a Barbara and myself this has been the joy of the summer. We have been very busy visiting our grandchildren. In the upcoming months we have two weddings in Michigan and more visits to grandchildren. It is good to cautiously move back toward normal. I urge each of you if you have not been vaccinated to please get your vaccination. The Delta variant is very prevalent among people who have not been vaccinated! So please get vaccinated!

I would like to take some time to focus on the readings Sunday July 25, 2021. The central theme I see in these reading is about the limitations that I/we put on ourselves.

In the first reading Elijah tells a man to give 20 barley loaves to the people to eat. The man complains to Elijah how can I set this before a hundred people. The man is putting his own limitations on Elijah's request. There are 100 people before him and Elijah wants him to set down 20 barley loaves in front of 100 people! The man sounds fearful to me. Elijah works out of faith in God's word!

In the second reading Paul urges us to live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received. We must ask ourselves this question. As one being called to be a Secular Franciscan am I living in a manner worthy of the calling I have received?

In the gospel we see a similar theme from the first reading: a great crowd is before Jesus and Jesus asked Phillip where can we get enough food for them to eat? Phillip comes back with limitations about how much it'll cost to feed that many people. Andrew comes forward and says there's a little boy with five barley loaves and two fishes. This is followed by a limitation! What good are these for so many! We all know what Jesus went on to do!

So, I must ask myself how many times do I come up with my limitations first rather than looking at possible solutions. I put my limitations up whenever it comes to writing something. I think I'm not a very good writer, what do I know about that subject, it's too much work to put my thoughts into words and I could probably add a few more reasons! Putting up limitations make a task seem insurmountable! Think about our election of council members. How many of us thought of limitations to fulfilling a seat on the council before thinking of the reasons you could be a council member!

Remember what Paul said; I, a prisoner for The Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received. We must live in faith that what God has put before us He will also give us what we need to complete the task!

Pax et Bonum!
Rick Churray

Important Dates:

- 8/1 Ed Gerhard — Birthday
- 8/19 Gerald DellaSala — Birthday
- 8/15 Fraternity Meeting 1:00pm
- 8/30 Terry Carlino — Birthday

Live A Life Worthy of Your Call

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August Formation



This month we will finish the book, *Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love*. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you as you read the Conclusion. What I would like you to do is go back through the book and pull out one or two ideas that were new to you or struck you anew and write a sentence or two about it. We will discuss the impact of the book on you as a Franciscan. What did you learn about Clare, and did it change your spiritual/prayer life? If yes, how did it change your life?

Eileen will have a short formation presentation for us and, we will have a short video on Fratelli Tutti, which will be our new study. If there is time, we will discuss the article printed in the July newsletter about the Obligations of a Secular Franciscan.

Gospel to Life...

“Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel.” OFS Rule Article 4



How can the fraternity work together to become more familiar with Scripture? The formation team needs your ideas and input!



If you wish to continue your monthly fraternity donation please send your check to treasurer, Barbara Massey, 862 Ventnor Drive, Newport News, VA 23608-8927. **Please make checks payable to SFO.**



20th Quinquennial Congress
The Franciscan Jubilee is Back on!
 August 3-7, 2022
 Phoenix, AZ

More information regarding registration and hotel reservation will be available soon.
<https://secularfranciscanusa.org/>

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Prayer Request

If you have a prayer request, please email your request to karenrutherfordcoulson@gmail.com to be included in our next newsletter!



Praying for Our Deceased Brothers and Sisters

- Joan Albrecht*
- Edna Bartlett*
- Gladys Branch*
- Joan Buhler*
- Julia Carey*
- Donald Carpenter*
- Dorothy and Janice Carpenter*
- Rose Coleman*
- Josephine Decori*
- Esme Esflavo*
- Marian Garris*
- Florence Gorden*
- Jack Houlahan*
- Dorothy and Don Johnson*
- Lauren Pallazola*
- Mark Pepper*
- Daphne Pritchett*
- Elma Stanbeck*
- Lauren Sessa*
- Denny Thiel*
- Maria Torres*
- Frances Warren*

August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



1. St. Alphonse de Liguori, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1787
2. Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula, Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order
3. St. Pierre-Julien Eymard, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1868
4. St. Dominic, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1221
5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1904
6. Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
7. Bl. Agathange et Cassien, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1638
8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1859
9. Bl. Marie-Marguerite of the Sacred Heart, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924
10. St. Beatrice de Silva, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1492
11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689
12. St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Clares, Plenary Indulgence for Tertiaries (Renewal of Engagements)
13. Bl. Novellon de Faenza, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1280
14. St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
15. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
16. Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1350
17. St. Roch of Montpellier, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1327
18. Blessed Martyrs of Pontons de Rochefort, d. 1794
19. St. Jean Eudes, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1680
20. St. Louis of Anjou, Bishop of Toulouse, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1297
21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1610
22. Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
23. Bl. Bernard of Offida, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1694
24. St. Emilie de Vialar, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1856
25. St. Louis IX, King of France, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
26. Bl. Pierre de Benisa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
27. St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1648
28. St. Junipero Serra, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1784
29. Bl. Jean de Perouse, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231
30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1604
31. Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936