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**BECAUSE OF FATHER'S DAY, OUR JUNE MEETING HAS BEEN  
RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

**Minister's Reflections**  
**Terry Carlino, OFS**

Spirituality is a particular way in following Christ. This should not be confused with a charism or spiritual gift which is an endowment of the Holy Spirit. Franciscans, as a group of communities following the example of St. Francis, certainly have a charism based on the Holy Spirit's gift to our Father Francis. However, while charisms are gifts freely given, spirituality is a way consciously followed. There are many things that all Christians hold in common and others that are held by a preponderance of Christians, such as, aspiration to Christ like love and forgiveness, community, personal and communal prayer, love of scripture and a concern for peace and justice, among other things.

The difference in the spirituality of an order depends on their founder. Dominicans have both a charism for preaching and teaching and a spirituality that supports that endeavor. Benedictine spirituality is inspired by the monastic vision of St. Benedict. Francis's spirituality was based in observation of the Gospel. In contrast with much of the emphasis of the Church on Original Sin and the failings of humankind to deserve God's salvation, Francis chose to concentrate on the Love of God that prompted God to freely give salvation to us.

## Remember

**June 25** at St. Bedes -- Father Walsh Room

1:00 Members gather

1:30 Opening Prayer

see you there!

## The Pope's Intention for June

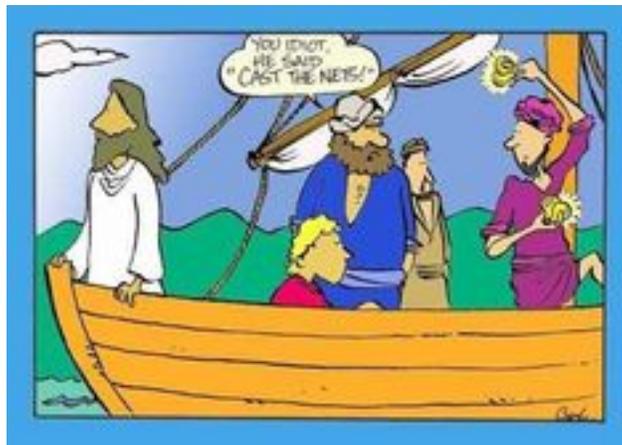
That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

## Saints to Be Remembered in June

June 13, St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1<sup>st</sup> Order

June 22, St. Thomas More, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular

## Humor They Say



Francis lived, and by extension we should live, the Gospel in a way that emphasizes God's love through living in communion with Christ poor and crucified, in communion with all people and all creation, through the life and mission of the Church, and in a life of prayer, liturgical, personal and communal.

As Secular Franciscans we should be in continual formation. This requires effort beyond the few hours a month we meet in community. Fortunately, today we are not generally bound to only finding sources of knowledge in expensive tomes at far away libraries. The internet makes writings on Franciscan spirituality available to almost everyone. And of course copies of the Gospel are easily available both on line and in free copies from many sources (professed should have received one at their profession.) Spend time each day, beyond the minimum necessary for recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours, in reading and contemplation of the Franciscan Way. Even just a few minutes of reflection or reading of a Franciscan source can result in benefits beyond your expectation.

## **Vice Ministers Corner**

### **Bea Sanford, OFS**

Peg Crews, OFS has certainly had a busy year. She was a member of the five newly professed Secular Franciscans whom we welcomed into Our Lady of the Rosary Secular Franciscan Fraternity on April 22, 2017. For the past several years Peg has been working towards being commissioned into the Lay Ecclesial Ministry. On June 10<sup>th</sup> she was commissioned with eight others, and in her role, Peg will assist with Faith Formation at Saint Bede Catholic Church.

The Lay Ecclesial Ministry Institute (LEMI), sponsored by the Office of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Richmond, is a comprehensive leadership training program that includes Spiritual, Human, Intellectual, and Pastoral Formation for those who hold catechetical-related positions within the Diocese. Candidates have the opportunity to enhance their ministerial skills and deepen their spirituality with this intensive training. Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo commissioned a total of nine LEMI candidates on Saturday, June 10 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Did you know the month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus? Devotion to the Sacred Heart began in 1672 after Jesus appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun in France. He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh; he asked for acts of reparation, for frequent Communion, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour. When the Catholic Church approved the devotion to the Sacred

Heart of Jesus, she did not base her action only on the visions of Saint Margaret Mary. The Church approved the devotion on its own merits. There is only one Person in Jesus, and that Person was at the same time God and Man. His Heart, too, is Divine – it is the Heart of God. The Heart of Jesus never ceases to love us in heaven. He sanctifies us through the Sacraments. These are inexhaustible fountains of grace and holiness that have their source in the boundless ocean of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (Source: Mediation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus EWTN)



No known Birthdays in June