



Our Lady of the Rosary Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Friday, May 31, 2019

Minister's Reflections — Terry Carlino, OFS

As we prepare for Pentecost, which will happen in just a week, we should enjoy the end of this Easter season and look forward to the last holy Sundays before we move into Ordinary Time. First there is Trinity Sunday, dedicated to the Most Holy Triune God. Then there is the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. Like the Ascension, Corpus Christi in the Universal Church is celebrated on a Thursday, particularly the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. In the United States, in this diocese, the feast has been moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

The feast itself originated in the thirteenth century. It is not a feast with which Francis would have been familiar, but it is a feast that he would have appreciated. In his On Reference for the Lord's Body and on the Cleanliness of the Altar Francis wrote specifically to priests:

"Let us all consider, O clerics, the great sin and ignorance of which some are guilty regarding the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and His most holy Name and the written words of consecration... Let all those who administer such most holy mysteries, especially those who do so indifferently, consider among themselves how poor the chalices, corporals, and linens may be where the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is sacrificed. And by many it is left in wretched places and carried by the way disrespectfully, received unworthily and administered to others indiscriminately.

"Shall we not by all these things be moved with a sense of duty when the good Lord Himself places Himself in our hands and we handle Him and receive Him daily? Are we unmindful that we must needs fall into His hands? Let us then at once and resolutely correct these faults and others; and whosoever the most holy Body of our Lord Jesus Christ may be improperly reserved and abandoned, let It be removed thence and let It be put and enclosed in a precious place."

Reverence for the Precious Body of Christ was something that Francis understood. In his Letter to all the Friars he wrote: "Let the entire man be seized with fear; let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest. O admirable height and stupendous condescension! O humble sublimity! O sublime humility! that the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under a morsel of bread."

We should remember that each day when Heaven touches Earth and the common miracle of transubstantiation happens at the hands of the priest through the power of the Holy Spirit, that our God has humbled Himself for us and we should indeed tremble.

Important Dates:

6/23 Paul's Profession—The Church of Francis DeSales—June meeting to follow.

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

Food for Pineapple Inn

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
Donna K. Rice and Beans
Chuck & Marie S. 1 bag each apples & pears
Maria F. 1 bunch green bananas
Chris & Leo W. 2 microwave single meals
Carol M. 2 packs fruit cups
Eileen M. 2 packs pudding cups and 2 juice boxes
Peg C. 2 packs small individual cereal boxes
Sandra L. 2 boxes pasta
Barbara M. & Glenda H. 4 jars pasta sauce
Ani K. Raman Noodles
Terry C. Tuna



Reflections From the Vice Minister/Acting Secretary Bea Sanford, OFS

Another Joyful Franciscan

Brother Gabriel of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate in Wisconsin was recently in Williamsburg to conduct a retreat for the Saint Bede Home School Ministry.

From the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate – USA website:

Like the Seraphic Father St. Francis, the Franciscans of the Immaculate strive to be perfectly conformed to the poor, humble, crucified Jesus through a life of charity, supernatural obedience and poverty. They are totally consecrated to the Immaculate Virgin after the recent example offered by St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe.

The Franciscans of the Immaculate were founded by the two Franciscan friars, Fr. Stefano Maria Manelli and Fr. Gabriel Maria Pellettieri. Together they outlined a form of life for the friars, sisters and the laity after the example of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, giving the fullest expression to the Marian dimension of St. Francis' ideal and Rule. The Franciscans of the Immaculate was established by Pope John Paul II in 1990 as a diocesan institute. The Institute was erected as a pontifical institute of religious life by His Holiness John Paul II in January 1, 1998, Solemnity of the Mother of God.



Our June meeting is on June 23 at the Church of Francis DeSales located on Rt. 647, Lovers Lane in Mathews, VA.

Your Change Truly Makes a Difference

Vice Minister—Bea Sanford, OFS

We don't think much about it as we empty the change from our pockets and put it into the "begging jar" at our monthly gatherings. However, Carol Murphy, our Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation chair, knows "A widows mite each month does make a difference!" Your donations allocated to Heifer International have allowed us to provide seeds, fish, chickens, ducks, honeybees, piglets, portions of sheep, goats, llamas, water buffalo, a bio-gas stove, assistance to Cambodian farmers, Cacao farming in Bolivia, and even support for the East African Dairy Development Program. You are truly responding to the call by Jesus to Feed the Poor.

Annual totals:

2012 \$ 186.89

2013 \$ 321.00

2014 \$ 240.00

2015 \$ 267.50

2016 \$ 260.00

2017 \$ 226.95

2018 \$ 207.00

2019 to date \$ 45.00

Totals \$1,754.34





20th OFS Quinquennial Congress 2021

JUBILEE

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel

340 North Third Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Across the street from the Franciscan Saint Mary's Basilica

*By breaking bread together we open our hearts and listen to the stories of each other,
rejoicing in our life and who we are*

In less than four years Secular Franciscans will celebrate the 800th anniversary of the approval of our 1221 Rule. Happily, this special anniversary will coincide with our next Quinquennial Congress, scheduled for the summer of 2021. Our Quinquennial theme, **JUBILEE**, was chosen to commemorate that historical and holy occasion. As we celebrate the 800th anniversary of our Rule, we *also* celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first Quinquennial Congress held in the United States. Given these *two anniversaries* there will be much to celebrate! It truly will be a **JUBILEE!**

What is a Quinquennial?

This may be the first time some of you have seen this word, Quinquennial. The dictionary defines it as an event that happens every five years. In our Franciscan history, we recall that Francis would gather the members of the Order for a chapter of mats – where the members of the Order would take up their mats and meet for the purpose of prayer, formation, sharing and jubilation. We continue that tradition. Every five years, members of our National Family gather for the same purpose. Our documents call this a “National Congress,” and this gathering has come to be known as the “Quinquennial,” or “Q” for short. Of course, today, we are far more comfortable – we don’t have to sleep on mats – but our intention is the same.

Logo Contest

First, we are having a contest for the **logo** of our **JUBILEE** theme. The logo design can be a detailed image or just a sketch. This logo needs to reflect our Franciscan charism and the theme of “JUBILEE” – the celebration of the 800th anniversary of our Rule and the 100th anniversary of our Quinquennial Congress. Please submit your design by June 15, 2018, to Susan Simeone, ofs, by email to skstimeone@cox.net, or by mail to: 12611 South 41 Place, Phoenix, AZ 85044. The logo design will become the property of OFS, USA. The name(s) of the logo designer will be featured at the Q.



Congratulations to Sr. Bernadette who graduated on May 11th with her Masters degree in Accounting.



Sister Bernadette's May 11 reception with Fr. Christopher and her brother Calixtus

OFS-USA Facebook Page—Photos Needed

The purpose of the OFS-USA Facebook page is to share inspirational messages and the good news of our Order. Please send photos of our fraternities' happenings to Jane DeRose-Bamman at ofsusasecretary@gmail.com.

Vocations Tool Kit

A reminder that the OFS-USA Vocations Toolkit makes it very easy to present a "Come and See" event. For a copy of the Vocations Tool Kit go to <https://secularfranciscanusa.org/guidelines-forms-other-resources>.



Fraternity Presents Check to Monsignor Keeney

With gratitude for Saint Bede Catholic Church hosting the monthly gatherings of our fraternity

June – Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



1. Bl. Felix of Nicosia, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d/ 1787
2. Bl. John Pelingotto, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1304
3. Bl. Andrew of Spello, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1254
4. St. Francois Caracciolo, Priest, d. 1608
5. Bl Pacific of Cerano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482
6. Bl. Lawrence of Villamagna, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1535
7. Bl. Himiliana Cerchi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1246
8. Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1958
9. Bl. Innocent Guz, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1940
10. Bl. Edouard Poppe, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924
11. Bl. Yolanda of Hungary, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1298
12. Bl. Floride Cevoli, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1767
13. St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231
14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1936
15. St. Vincenta Gerosa, Virgin, d. 1847, and Saint Mary Bartholomea Capitanio.
16. Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer, Virgin, d. 1888
17. Bl. Peter Gambacorti, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1435
18. Bl. Guy of Cortona, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1250
19. Bl. Achille Puchata, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
20. Bl. Micheline de Pesaro, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1356
21. Bl. Herman Stapien, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
22. St. Thomas More, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1943
23. St. Joseph Cafasso, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1860
24. Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25. Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1232
26. Bl. Frederick Jassoone, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1916
27. Bl. Marguerite Baeyns, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1879
28. St. Barthelemie Capitanio, Virgin, d. 1833
29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence
30. Bl. Raymond Lulle, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1315