



Our Lady of the Rosary Secular Franciscan Fraternity Williamsburg, Virginia

Minister's Reflections — Terry Carlino, OFS

May is the Month of Mary. The practice of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Mother goes back to medieval times, where the tradition of Tricesimum, the thirty day devotion to Mary originated. This is a practice that our dear Francis would have been very familiar with. St Bonaventure tells us that St Francis honored Mary. "He loved with an unspeakable affection the Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, forasmuch as that She had made the Lord of glory our Brother, and that through Her we have obtained mercy." (Leg. Mai. IX,3)

Francis used Mary as a model for how he could follow Jesus, for whenever Mary appears in Scripture she points to her son. Francis honored Mary in many ways, but none so far reaching as in his prayers, which have come down to us today. Francis wrote two major prayers to Mary. One is part of the Office of the Passion, which Francis would have prayed while he said his daily Psalter. The second was A Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which contains one of my favorite titles for Mary. In this prayer Francis calls the Blessed Mother the Virgin Made Church. What an odd thing to say, you may think. What does it mean?

In several places in Scripture there are passages, particularly in the Old Testament and Revelation where Scripture scholars attest that the passage is speaking prophesy of the Church. One particular passage is from Revelations. Revelation 12:1: "A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head." Now if you asked a Biblical scholar what that means they are likely to tell you that the passage refers to the Church. But wait. Isn't that passage read on Marian holidays because it refers to the Virgin Mary? Exactly!

Often in the Old Testament the Psalms refer to Daughter Zion. Most times these passages in the Old Testament are referring to Israel. In New Testament times (Now!) we believe they refer to the Church. But they are also often used for Marian feasts. I think you can see where this is going.

Mary is the Virgin Made Church because she is our model. She was the first follower of Christ. His disciple while he was still in the womb. When Christ chose to give us his mother he did it at the foot of the cross. He bound us together eternally, Mother and child, and became not just our God, but are Brother, as Francis attests more than once. So in May honor Mary, our Mother, the Virgin made Church.

Friday, April 19, 2019

Important Dates:

- 5/19 Meeting — Fr. Walsh Room
1:00 Members gather
1:30 Opening Prayer
- 5/20 Sr. Juliana — Birthday
- 5/21 Cindy Holland — Birthday
- 5/25 Maria Fuentes-Sherman — Birthday

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

Growing In The Area of Justice, Peace, and Care For Creation

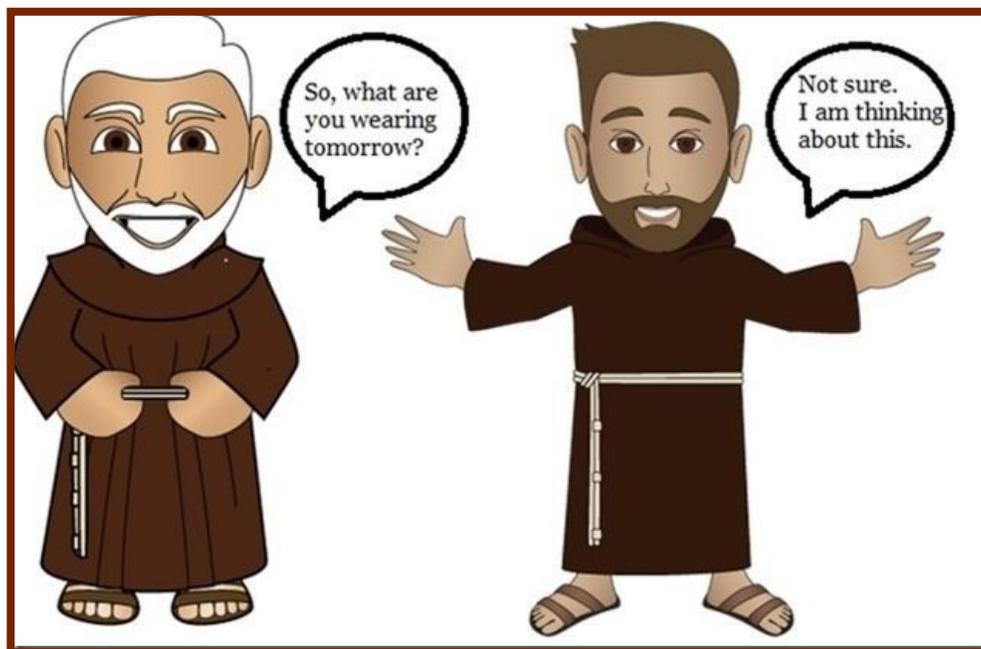
In the Fall 2018 Issue 95 of TAU USA Jan Parker's article on Living Our Rule Part II Walking With Both Feet we were encouraged to support and participate in the work of both Franciscan Action Network (FAN) and Franciscans International (FI) as part of the national priority on the topic of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC). Jan writes, "At its heart, JPIC is about loving. It is a participation in the life of Christ and the embodiment of the Gospel in response to God's love...JPIC is not about only one or two articles of our Rule, but it is the entire Rule in action. JPIC is about living each day aware of how we treat others in our families, our community and our world, and being good stewards of this world God created. JPIC actions include both charitable giving and work for social justice...The core business of the Franciscan Action Network (FAN) and Franciscans International (FI) is advocacy-actions to bring the voice of the voiceless to the attention of decision makers. FAN and FI provide awareness, background information and 'calls to action' to the wider Franciscan family uniting us to address the injustice that exists in our world. Individual OFS members are encouraged to support and participate in the work of both FAN and FI." Our thanks to Chuck and Marie Stephan for agreeing to monitor FAN and FI to keep us apprised as to the 'calls to action'.

Did You Miss Our Mornings of Spirituality?

Not to worry, you have the opportunity to fulfill your requirement of an annual retreat by participating in the Annual Region Retreat at Priest Field West Virginia scheduled for May 31 – June 2, 2019 <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/annual-region-retreat-at-priest-field-may-31-june-2-2019/> Please mark your calendar as further details will be forth coming.



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



Enjoy this message brought to you by the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Order of Franciscan Seculars website <https://saintmargaretofcortona.org/regional-bulletin-board/>

You know you're a Secular Franciscan when:

- You notice an unmistakable lack in desire to acquire more stuff
- Peacemaking becomes incredibly attractive to you
- Your eyes fill up when you hear about a trip to Assisi
- You want to dress (and LIVE) more and more simply
- Christmas is for you the greatest feast day
- You take off work on October 4
- You laugh loudly and often when you get together with other Franciscans
- You hug people a lot, especially other Franciscans
- All your gatherings are noted for having too much and wonderful food
- You follow the Franciscan Saint of the Day religiously
- The term "fair share" not only means something to you, you try to give more than your fair share to the common fund
- You read the TAU-USA from cover to cover
- You've read several books by Lester Bach, OFM Cap, and look forward to him writing more



Congratulations to Sr. Bernadette who will be graduating on May 11th with her Masters degree in Accounting. She is now presenting a Bible Study to the clients who are cared for by the Franciscan Brethren of St. Philip.



Mark your calendars! Paul's profession will take place on June 23rd instead of June 9th as originally reported.



Priest Field Retreat Information

Good evening Sister and Brother Ministers,

Our Regional Retreat is fast approaching, May 31 – June 2. I have attached the registration form to forward to your fraternity. All are invited to attend, visitors, aspirants, inquirers, candidates and professed.

Our facilitator for this year's retreat is Br. Michael Meza, OFM. Cap. the theme for the retreat will be, "Deepening our Franciscan Vocation".

Please ask those who wish to attend, to send their registration form and non-refundable deposit check of \$100, made out to: **St. Margaret of Cortona Region** to our Regional Treasurer:

Peter Noyes, OFS
P.O. Box 860
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Your regional council members are looking forward to seeing our Sisters and Brothers at this year's retreat.

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,
Bob Longo, OFS
Regional Minister of St. Margaret of Cortona Region

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Website
<http://saintmargaretofcortona.org/>



Thirty-six Easter baskets for the children at Pineapple Inn and Avalon

With the wonderful generosity of St Olaf Choir and other parish members and Norge VFW Auxiliary, as well as with help from friends and neighbor, there are 36 Easter baskets ready to be delivered to kids at Pineapple Inn. There are also another 27 baskets going to be delivered to Avalon for children there. All of the baskets have a stuffed animal or some other toy.

I am utterly gratified & grateful for the kindness of all those who've made these 2 projects possible and successful. God bless all of you!

Maria Fuentes-Sherman

May – Month of the Holy Virgin Mary



1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan
2. St. Richard Pampuri, Confessor, d. 1930
3. Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1903
4. Bl. Ladislav de Gielnow, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1505
5. Bl. Beinvenu Mareni, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
6. Bl. Marie-Catherine Troijani, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular, d. 1897
7. Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular, d. 1900
8. Feast of Mary Mediatrix of all Graces
9. Bl. Antoine Bajewski, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
10. Bl. Marie-Bernard Butler, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular, d. 1924
11. St. Gemme de Sulmona, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1439
12. St. Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1781
13. St. Michel Garicoitz, Priest, d. 1863
14. St. Marie-Dominique Mazzarello, Virgin, d. 1881
15. St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Priest, d. 1719
16. St. Theophile de Corte, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1740
17. St. Paschal of Baylon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1592
18. St. Felix of Cantalice, lay brother, Capuchin religious, 1587
19. St. Yves, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1303
20. St. Bernardin de Sienne, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1444
21. St. Crispin de Viterbe, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1750
22. St. Joaquina Vedruna, Virgin, d. 1854
23. Bl. Gerard de Villamagna, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242
24. Bl. Jean de Prado, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1631
25. Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253
26. St. Philippe Neri, Priest, d. 1595; memorial of St. Marie-Anne Parades, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1645
27. Bl. Gerard de Lunel, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1270
28. St. Jean-Baptiste Rossi, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1764
29. Bl. Etienne et Raymond, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1242
30. St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1431, King Saint Fernando III, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252
31. Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Public Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost Pentecost - Plenary Indulgence