



## Our Lady of the Rosary Secular Franciscan Fraternity Williamsburg, Virginia

Thursday, August 30, 2018

### Important Dates:

- 9/16 Meeting — Fr. Walsh Room  
1:00 Members gather  
1:30 Opening Prayer  
9/24 Paul Reardon—Birthday  
9/28 Joan Buehler —Birthday

For anyone who has been paying attention this has been a trying time for the Church in America and throughout the world. Secular authorities and the faithful are beginning to realize what too many members of the hierarchy and the clergy at large seem to have known for decades. That there is a significant number of priests and bishops who have used their position of power in the Church to exploit and abuse not just children, but even young men, themselves discerning for the priesthood. Further there seems to have been and still is a pervasive network of sexual predators among the clergy, the hierarchy, perhaps stretching to the Vatican itself.

### Minister's Reflections — Terry Carlino, OFS

How can a Catholic remain in such a Church?

There are several points to remember when we find ourselves having to face such hard occurrences. As bad as things seem we must remember that in its 2000 year history the Church has often dealt with such scandals. There was a time when a majority of bishops were Arian heretics. There was a time when the papacy was demeaned by a series of unholy men whose sins easily spanned the entire gamete of the classical seven. There was a time when a bishop used the power of his office to burn at the stake one of our own fraternal sisters, herself a Saint.

When God called to our founder in the chapel of San Damiano he was member of the laity, at that time neither the founder of an order nor even a religious. Just a Catholic whom God called upon with the task of rebuilding his house, the Church, which was falling into ruins. Does anyone believe that the institutional Church was in better shape then than it is now? Has it ever been? Of the first set of bishops, one turned Christ over to be killed, the rest fled and the first pope denied him three times before he died. If we look for perfect men to lead the Church we are bound to be disappointed. On the other hand our Seraphic Order has been charged by God to do more than despair at the ruin of the Church brought about by sinful and evil men. We are charged with rebuilding it. Like Francis we will find that if we apply ourselves to this task God will see that we receive the tools and support necessary to this task. And we will find brothers and sisters anxious to help us. Like Francis we must take up this task for up to now we have done nothing.

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



## Reflections from the Vice Minister/Acting Secretary — Vice Minister Bea Sanford

Perhaps you have been discouraged by the most recent reports for the Pennsylvania Grand Jury and are wondering if it is worth it to be a Catholic. I attended Mass today (August 25) in celebration of the feast day of Saint Louis IX the patron saint of the Secular Franciscan Order. Saint Louis, who ascended to the throne at the age of 13, reminds us of how we can daily live our calling as Secular Franciscans. Now more than ever, it is important for the world to see what it means to live for Christ using our Franciscan Spirituality to witness to others that our faith isn't something we march out on Sunday and put away after Mass. We need to continue to spread the message of healing and hope to all we encounter every day by going from Gospel to life and life to Gospel.

### Mark Your Calendars for September 24

Monday, September 24 is the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. There will be a Rosary Procession at 6:00 p.m. from Wren Chapel located at the College of William and Mary to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (the original Saint Bede Church). Bishop Barry Knestout will lead the Ecumenical Evening Vespers at 7:00 p.m. with a Reception at 7:45 p.m. in the John XXIII Center (the home of the Williamsburg House of Mercy). If you attend, wear your Tau; for those who are professed, please plan to wear your profession Tau. For more information, please contact Bea Sanford [bsanford07@gmail.com](mailto:bsanford07@gmail.com)



## News from the National Executive Council OFS-USA

### Vocations Tool Kit

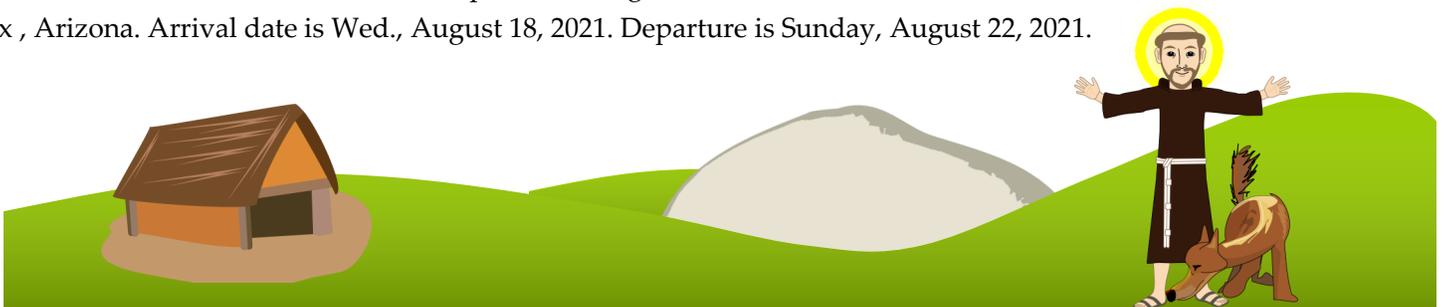
The National Council now has a Vocations Tool Kit on their website. The tool kit includes an introductory document, prayer cards, Come and See session outline, customizable promotional brochure with amazing graphics, a "Come and See" PowerPoint presentation including talking points, some testimonial questions, and more!

### 2018 Chapter—Save the Date

The 2018 National Fraternity Chapter (NAFRA 2018) will be held in St. Louis, MO., at the St. Louis Airport Renaissance (Home of the 2016 Q). Chapter begins with dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 9 and ends on Sunday morning, Oct. 14.

### 2021 Quinquennial (Q)

The location and date for the 2021 Quinquennial Congress is set. It will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. Arrival date is Wed., August 18, 2021. Departure is Sunday, August 22, 2021.



## Saint Louis IX of France's Story from Franciscan Media August 25, 2018

At his coronation as king of France, Louis IX bound himself by oath to behave as God's anointed, as the father of his people and feudal lord of the King of Peace. Other kings had done the same, of course. Louis was different in that he actually interpreted his kingly duties in the light of faith. After the violence of two previous reigns, he brought peace and justice.

Louis "took the cross" for a Crusade when he was 30. His army seized Damietta in Egypt but not long after, weakened by dysentery and without support, they were surrounded and captured. Louis obtained the release of the army by giving up the city of Damietta in addition to paying a ransom. He stayed in Syria four years.

Louis deserves credit for extending justice in civil administration. His regulations for royal officials became the first of a series of reform laws. He replaced trial by battle with a form of examination of witnesses and encouraged the use of written records in court.

Louis was always respectful of the papacy, but defended royal interests against the popes, and refused to acknowledge Innocent IV's sentence against Emperor Frederick II.

Louis was devoted to his people, founding hospitals, visiting the sick, and like his patron Saint Francis, caring even for people with leprosy. He is one of the patrons of the Secular Franciscan Order. Louis united France—lords and townsfolk, peasants and priests and knights—by the force of his personality and holiness. For many years the nation was at peace.

Every day, Louis had 13 special guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. During Advent and Lent, all who presented themselves were given a meal, and Louis often served them in person. He kept lists of needy people, whom he regularly relieved, in every province of his dominion.

Disturbed by new Muslim advances in Syria, he led another crusade in 1267, at the age of 41. His crusade was diverted to Tunis for his brother's sake. The army was decimated by disease within a month, and Louis himself died on foreign soil at the age of 56. He was canonized 27 years later.

### Reflection

Louis was strong-willed, strong-minded. His word was trusted utterly, and his courage in action was remarkable. What is most remarkable was his sense of respect for anyone with whom he dealt, especially the "humble folk of the Lord." To care for his people he built cathedrals, churches, libraries, hospitals and orphanages. He dealt with princes honestly and equitably. He hoped to be treated the same way by the King of Kings, to whom he gave his life, his family and his country.



## Franciscan Saints for September – Month of the Holy Cross

1. Bl. Joachim de Albocacer, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
2. Bl. Martyrs de Carmes, d. 1792
3. St. Pius X, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1914
4. St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252
5. Bl. Gentil de Matelica, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1340
6. Bl. Liberatus of Lauro, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1258
7. Bl. Eugenie Picco, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular, d. 1921
8. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9. Bl. Seraphina Sforza, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1478
10. Bl. Martyrs of Japan, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Seculars, d. 1622-1632
11. Bl. Bonaventure of Barcelona, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1684
12. Feast of the Name of Holy Mary
13. Bl. Apollinaire Franco, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1622
14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15. Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows
16. Bl. Roland de Medicis, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1386
17. Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi
18. St. Joseph de Cupertino, Priest, Conventual, d. 1664
19. Bl. Louis Alleman, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1450
20. St. Francis Mary of Camporosso, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1866
21. Bl. Elizabeth Amodei, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1498
22. St. Ignatius of Santhia, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1773
23. St. Pio of Peitrelcina, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1968
24. St. Pacific of San Severino, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1721
25. St. Nicholas de Flue, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1487
26. Bl. Lucy of Caltagirone, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular, d. 1400
27. St. Elzear of Sabran, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1323
28. Bl. Bernadin of Feltre, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1494
29. Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel
30. Bl. Charles of Blois, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1364

