



**Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Secular Franciscan Fraternity  
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**Minister's Reflections**  
**By Terry Carlino, OFS**

In the 1957 Hepburn-Tracy vehicle, *Desk Set*, the researchers at the Federal Broadcasting Company Research Office fear the introduction of the EMERAC computer. In the final moments of the film they were finally convinced EMERAC was meant to help not replace them. Methods Engineer Sumner (Tracy) takes a call requesting the weight of the Earth. Researcher Bunny Watson (Hepburn) tells him that's the kind of fact that could take months to research. He suggests seeing if the computer knows the answer. Rather than responding, EMERAC queries whether they want the weight with or without people.

After seeing the film, I wondered: what is the weight of the Earth? Far from having to research for months I queried my own version of EMERAC, Google, and found out in less than a couple of seconds that the Earth is  $5.972 \times 10^{24}$  Kg or  $1.316 \times 10^{25}$  lbs. The weight of all the people? 316 million tons.

No one in 1957 could have perceived that within 60 years a fact that could take months to find could be retrieved in mere seconds, not by highly trained researchers using a vast reference library or a room size computer, but by anyone using a device no bigger than a pack of cigarettes which they would carry with them every day. In Francis's time a journey from Assisi to the Holy Land was the task of many long weeks, and though St. Francis attempted the journey three times the closest he ever got was Egypt. The travel time by air from Assisi to Jerusalem is just under four hours today. I'm sure that never would Francis have conceived that someone would one day be able to travel to the Holy Land in less time than it took him to walk to Perugia.

Not many of us can expect to see what the world will be like a mere 60 years from now, let alone in 800 years.

To God, however it is all the same. Psalm 90 says "For a thousand years in your sight are just like yesterday when it is past, like a watch in the night." and "Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Too often we worry and struggle to find facts or determine our path. Always God knows where our paths will lead. If we trust in him, like Father Francis, we might not get to where we are determined to go, but we will get to where God wants us to be.

**Vice Minister's Corner**  
**By Bea Sanford, OFS**

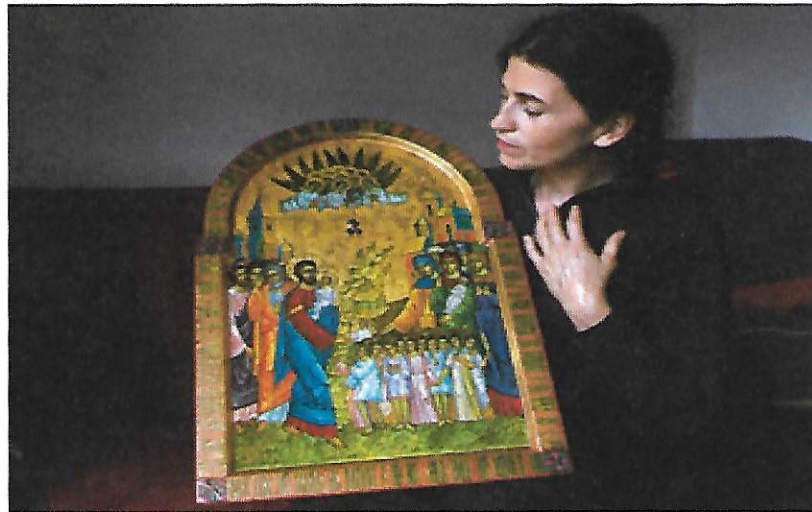
How often does one have the opportunity to meet a world-renowned iconographer? Sister Eliseea Papacioc, an Orthodox nun from Romania, is coming to the local area in October. Her work has been exhibited internationally including Moscow, Beijing, Washington DC, Nashville, Florida and New York. Longtime friends and Saint Bede parishioners, Barbara and Bob Mosby, have provided an opportunity for the Legion of Mary Our Lady of Walsingham Praesidia to host Sister Eliseea on Monday, October 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Kaplan Parish Hall on the Saint Bede campus located at 3686 Ironbound Road Williamsburg, VA 23188.

Sister Eliseea is an amazing woman especially if you know her background. Her childhood was one of crushing oppression under the communist regime. Her father, an Orthodox priest, did not survive imprisonment and her uncle, a bishop, had his health broken. She, her mother and her brother endured severe ostracism and deprivation. After the fall of communism and the rebirth of the church and the arts, she was discovered by the Smithsonian and brought to America for her first visit. Then, crossing denominational lines she had several exhibits at the John Paul II Cultural Center. When Father Kauffmann was pastor at Saint Benedict's Church in Richmond, he commissioned Sister Eliseea to create two icons for the ambo. In Sister Eliseea's icons faith and talent are in communion with each other. Her gifts, however, are distinct from her faith. Were she not in religious life, not an iconographer, whatever she turned her attention to would be extraordinary. She has an eye for the subtleties of surface quality and a remarkable hand.

When her work recently returned from the international tour a New York critic, Maureen Mullarkey, observed, "Sister Eliseea eclipses pious sentiment and rises to compelling sacred art. She is not a copyist, not merely replicating older work. Rather, she inhabits the icon tradition infusing historic patterns with a quality of concentrating

precision, and refinement distinctly her own. It is said that to write an icon is like standing in prayer. Looking at her work you trust the truth of these words."

The entire community is invited to attend this event on Monday, October 9 @ 10:00 a.m.



**Sister Elisea with icon**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW**

- **THE FR. JAMES LEE RIZER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS SPONSORING A PILGRIMAGE TO THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY IN WASHINGTON DC**
- Date: October 7, 2017
- Depart: Saint Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Rd Williamsburg
- Visit: Franciscan Monastery and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
- Cost - \$50 per seat.

To reserve your seat, contact Gerald Dellasala [geraldfdellasala@hotmail.com](mailto:geraldfdellasala@hotmail.com)





**Paul Reardon 9/24**

**Joan Buehler 9/28**

Please keep the deceased members of our fraternity in your prayers:  
Joan Albrecht, Edna Bartlet, Gladys Branch, Julia Carey, Donald Carpenter, Rose Coleman, Josephine Decori, Esmie Esflavo, Marian Garris, Florence Gorden, Jack Houlahan, Lauren Pallazola, Elma Stanbeck, Marie Torez, Frances Warren, Thomas Warren, Vivian Whelan and Erwin (?)

**September prayer intentions of Pope Francis**

That our parishes, animated by missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**We need to keep in prayer those suffering in Houston as a result of hurricane Harvey.**

Cardinal DiNardo of Houston offers the following prayer. "May God, the Lord of mercy and compassion, protect all who are still in danger, and bring to safety those who are missing. May he care in a special way for those who were already homeless or without support and resources, before this disaster. We pray in thanksgiving for the first responders who are risking their lives to save others at this very moment. We include in our intentions the everyday heroes reaching out to help their neighbors in need, those who, like the Good Samaritan, cannot walk by a person in need without offering their hand in aid."

**Please also pray for those affected by hurricanes Irma and Jose.**

## **Our next meeting**

### **September 17, Saint Bede Catholic Church**

Members gather for fellowship in Frank Parater Break Room immediately after the 11 am Mass. Meeting will begin at 1:30 in the Father Walsh Room.

### **REMEMBER**

The greater Hampton Roads Cursillo is hosting a Women's Cursillo Weekend at the Williamsburg Retreat Center in Toano beginning Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 pm and ending Sunday, October 22 at 5:00 pm. The cost is \$200 which covers meals, lodging and supplies.

If you are interested please visit their website ([www.ghcursillo.com](http://www.ghcursillo.com)) or contact Bea Sanford at ([bsanford07@gmail.com](mailto:bsanford07@gmail.com)).

***Also, please remember to bring your donations for the Pineapple inn***