



Our Lady of the Rosary

Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Minister's Reflections — Terry Carlino, OFS

When St. Francis gifted the Brothers and Sisters of Penance with a Rule in the Year of Our Lord Twelve Hundred and Twenty-One he put them under the authority of a Visitor, presumably a friar, but directed that they be served by a minister. The ministers of any city or other place where members of the fraternity reside were to elect what Francis called "a faithful treasurer, who is to provide for the needs of the brothers and sisters, and other poor; and a messenger, who at the command of the ministers are to publish what is said and done by the fraternity."

That rule has been revised several times, most recently in 1978. In time it has been joined by a General Constitution delineating among other matters the composition of the International council, the national councils, regional councils, and lastly the local councils. The officers, the servant leadership, of the fraternity fulfills very much the same positions which Francis determined were necessary for the good of his secular brothers and sisters. Our spiritual advisors preform many of the functions of the visitor. A minister still serves aided by a "faithful treasurer" and "messenger", who we now call secretary.

These positions of leadership follow the teaching of Jesus as explained by him in Matthew 20:25-27: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them and the great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant."

In November Our Lady of the Rosary will hold elections for the servant leader positions on our council. I ask that you prayerfully consider whether it is time to step forward to fill one of these positions.

Terry Carlino OFS
Minister Our Lady of the Rosary



Peg Crews will be leading our Stigmata Ceremony on Tuesday, September 17 beginning with Evening Prayer at Saint Bede Catholic Church in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 4:45 p.m. Father John Baab will be present to assist as we observe this important day in our Franciscan history. The ceremony which will take place in the Father Walsh Conference Room (where we hold our monthly meetings) will last about 45 minutes leaving ample time for fellowship before we leave at 7:00 p.m. This optional gathering is in addition to our monthly meeting on Sunday, September 15.

Monday, September 02, 2019

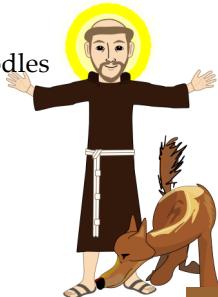
Important Dates:

- 9/15 Meeting — Fr. Walsh Room
- 12:30 pm Members Gather for Lunch and Fellowship
- 1:30 pm Opening Prayer
- 9/17 Stigmata Ceremony begins at 4:45 pm
- 9/24 Paul Reardon — Birthday
- 9/28 Joan Buehler — 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

Karen to lead Formation for the September 15 meeting Article 16 Esteeming Work as Creative and Redemptive. All are asked to answer the Ongoing Formation Reflection Questions on page 151 and the Integration and Decision Questions on page 159 to actively participate in the Formation.

Saint Bede Catholic Church is offering the following Adult Faith Formation Opportunities that Saint Francis might attend if he were here with us today. Please register www.bedeva.org/aff and click Register

St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction - Tuesday, October 1 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

As we prepare for the Feast of St. Francis on October come be inspired by the life of St. Francis and desire to live for God as he did. This new movie about the life of Francis is about presenting a real person, not just some characterization of an animal loving Saint from a distant time. Francis is a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was often times left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Christ that darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace. Ultimately, this film is about conversion, his and ours! Discussion follows the movie

Dante's Inferno - Wednesdays, October 2 – October 21 10:00 a.m. to Noon

The final segment of the series on Dante's great work, The Divine Comedy, will be The Inferno. This piece represents the everyman who has become inattentive to his sinfulness and need for repentance. Our own Donna Kendall will lead this program as Dante travels down through the nine circles of Hell and explores the prevalent theme of divine justice.

Sacred Art - Tuesdays, October 8 – December 3 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Fridays, October 11 – December 6 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Throughout the centuries, sacred art has played a critically important role in the Catholic Church. Why was and is it so important? Another fellow Franciscan Peg Crews will teach this class and discuss why religious art should be incorporated as an important part of our faith lives. She will also sample different types of sacred art that have come down to us through the ages.

Islam and Christianity - October 21 & 22 7:00 p.m.

We welcome back Steve Hemler, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America. Join us for two nights of talks.

Monday: What We Learned Living 13 years in Saudi Arabia

Tuesday: Is Jesus Truly the Son of God?

Karen Coulson Donates Cabinet

Our Fraternity was blessed to receive a donation of a cabinet from Karen Rutherford-Coulson for the storage of our supplies and to serve as our Library. Joan Buhler has agreed to serve as our Librarian. Donations of books related to Saint Francis or Saint Clare are welcome. (See attached photo and identify from left to right: Minister Terry Carlino, Spiritual Advisor Sister Agnes Narocho, Karen Coulson, Librarian Joan Buhler)



Help us Go Green!

We are going to try to reduce and/or eliminate the use of plastics to make the world a safe place for all. Bea Sanford donated three stainless steel cups that can be used for hot or cold beverage instead of using foam or plastic cups. All are encouraged to bring reusable containers, utensils, or paper products instead of foam or plastic containers. Please be kind to Mother Earth.

Elections to take place on Sunday, October 27

Offices in the Fraternity

Article 51

1. While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the council to animate and guide the fraternity, the minister, as the primary person responsible for the fraternity, is expected to make sure that the directions and the decisions of the council are put into practice and will keep the council informed about what he or she is doing.

2. The minister also has the following duties:

to call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the fraternity and council;

to convoke every three years the elective chapter of the fraternity, having heard the council on the formalities of the convocation;

to prepare the annual report to be sent to the council of the higher level after it has been approved by the council of the fraternity;

to represent the fraternity in all its relations with ecclesiastical and civil authorities.

When the fraternity acquires a juridical personality in the civil order, the minister becomes, when possible, its legal representative;

to request, with the consent of the council, the pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years

to put into effect those acts which the Constitutions refer to his or her competence.

Article 52

1. The vice-minister has the following duties:

to collaborate in a fraternal spirit and to support the minister in carrying out his or her specific duties;

to exercise the functions entrusted by the council and/or by the assembly or chapter;

to take the place of the minister in both duties and responsibilities in case of absence or temporary impediment;

to assume the functions of the minister when the office remains vacant;

2. The secretary has the following duties:

to compile the official acts of the fraternity and of the council and to assure that they are sent to their respective proper recipients;

to see to the updating and preservation of the records and the registers, noting admissions, professions, deaths, withdrawals, and transfers from the fraternity;

to provide for the communication of the more important facts to the various levels and, if appropriate, to provide for their dissemination through the mass media.

3. The master of formation has the following duties:

to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the council, the formative activities of the fraternity;

to instruct and enliven the inquirers during the time of initiation, the candidates during the period of initiation for-

mation, and the newly professed;

to inform the council of the fraternity prior to profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule.

4. The treasurer has the following duties:

to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the one from whom it was collected; to record in the same register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the fraternity council; to render an account of his or her administration to the assembly and to the council of the fraternity according to the norms of the national statutes.

5. The provisions regarding the rights and duties of the vice-minister, the secretary and the treasurer apply, with the appropriate adaptations, to all levels.



The worldwide Franciscan family celebrates the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis each Sept. 17. It has always struck me as an awkward celebration, at least after first glance. It would appear that Franciscans the world over are celebrating five wounds, celebrating the pain and suffering the we know accompanies what is sometimes billed as a great grace or gift from Christ. And it remains awkward and even weird if we remain fixated on the crucifixion wounds that appeared on Francis's body.

But this feast day actually has little to do with these wounds as such.

Rather, the Feast of the Stigmata, at least theologically, is a much more complex and robust celebration. What we see when we take a closer look beyond the disputed history of hagiography and medical inquiry (numerous studies have been written about the veracity of the Stigmata accounts, most recently Solanus Benfatti's book, *The Five Wounds of Saint Francis* [2011]), is not a question of what appeared on the outside of the Poverello, the poor man from Assisi. Instead, we are invited to look more carefully inside, to the interior life of a Christian disciple who wished nothing more than to follow in the footprints of Christ.

In his conclusion, Benfatti writes:

It is essential to comprehend that Francis had never thought to pick and choose aspects of the life of Christ to dress himself up in, but rather had chosen something that I would say is much harder because there is far less control in it: he had chosen, simply, to follow. Francis chose to move forward step-by-step in the footprints of the Lord, which I say is dangerous, because who can know where it will lead? (236, emphasis original).

This is at the heart of the Feast—a recognition that what appeared externally on Francis's body was reflective of his interior conformity to the lived example of Jesus Christ.

So often we are people who judge from the exterior—how someone dresses, how or what someone speaks, where someone lives, what someone does, and so on. Yet, as the Scriptures continually remind us, God judges what is inside and in our hearts. The Feast of the Stigmata is a celebration of a Christian life lived as fully and authentically as possible. The 'grace' that was given to Francis was not some random burden or some freak sideshow illness, it is a visual and corporeal representation of what only God can typically see -- a baptized man who lived as fully as he could bearing the resemblance of Christ.

On this feast day, I invite all people—Franciscans and others alike—to look within, see how each of us does or does not bear the marks of Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Perhaps we won't receive the marks of Christ in the form of five wounds, but we could certainly—and should certainly—make visible the presence of Christ in every other way.

Happy Feast Day!

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 Liberat de Laure, 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. Seraphique 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 de Barcelone, 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. Francois-Marie de Camporosso, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1866
21. Bl. Elizabeth Amerina, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1498
22. Bl. Ignace de Santhia, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1773
23. St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1968
24. St. Pacifique de 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. Lucie de Catalagirone, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular, d. 1400
27. St. Elzear de Sabran, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1323
28. Bl Bernadin de Feltre, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1494
29. Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel
30. Bl. Charles de Blois, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1364

