

## SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

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### From our Minister

#### SECULAR FRANCISCAN GUIDELINES\*

Every morning let Jesus “meek and humble of heart” be your model, and place in Him, your Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Always keep your spirit and countenance peaceful, even when alone.

Look to God every morning for guidance as to what you can do to give aid and comfort to your neighbor.

Be prepared for occasions when you will have to restrain yourself and be ready to do so. Be ready also to forgive all offenses.

In conversation have sympathy with the faults of others and recognize their virtues. Learn to be tolerant of those who make themselves unpleasant.

Always be ready with a pleasant word, a kind greeting, and a smile, when you meet people: and do not neglect any of the rules of Christian good manners.

Defer to the opinions of others and adapt yourself to the tastes of others.

Do not be over-solicitous in your choice of recreation, where you go for a walk, what you read, what you eat, and so on.

Do not let your virtues appear distasteful in the sight of others, do not draw attention to them, and above all, do not humiliate those who do not have them.

Do not correct anyone except in a tactful way.

Do not hesitate to ask pardon after having committed an offense.

\*These guidelines were given to us in the Padre Pio Fraternity to be read every day after *Morning Prayer*. I share them with you because I found them to be a very helpful way to start the day.

## FROM OUR SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT

Recently, those following the *Franciscan Ordo* for the *Liturgy of the Hours* were treated to four prominent Franciscan saints whose lives have much to offer us.

**Margaret of Cortona** (May 16) is the first and the only of this group that is a Third Order member. She had a rough early life, being turned out by her stepmother and then living with a man and bearing their son. Her conversion began when she discovered her lover murdered. She found her way to Cortona where she lived an extreme form of penance. The local friars counseled her to moderate this and she formed a group of women tertiaries who formed a sort of hospital to minister to the sick. She had great devotion to the Eucharist and Passion of Christ.

**Paschal Baylon** (May 17) was a member of the First Order who lived in a century of great saints: Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross and Peter Alcantara, to name a few. He was a simple shepherd who developed a strong spirituality before becoming a Franciscan. He wished not to be ordained a priest but to be a simple beggar and porter who gave away much to the poor. He was known for his long hours by the Eucharist and his image is one of the statues flanking the entrance to our Adoration Chapel in Mishawaka.

Also from the 16 century was **Felix of Cantalice** (May 18), a Capuchin brother known for his simplicity of life, spending 40 years as a questor, or beggar, for his community. He was also known for his devotion to the Eucharist, care for the sick and rigid observance of poverty. By now if you are still reading you see a theme; Franciscans see that their charism stresses **concern for the poor, preference for poverty** and **devotion to the Eucharist**.

The last of the group is **Bernadine of Siena** (May 20) whose life in many ways mirrored those already mentioned. But there are two things which stand out in his life. He was called from a life of contemplative living, his preference, to be a preacher who was known to convert many. And the one item of his preaching that is most noted is his love for and devotion to the **Name of Jesus**. The monogram for the name of Jesus, **IHM**, which you often see engraved on vestments and church articles owes its notoriety to Bernadine who propagated devotion to the Holy Name and to this symbol.

Each of the above, and all Franciscan saints both dead and alive, give us a model of what it truly means to live a Christ-centered life to which all Christians are called, not just Franciscans.

**CALENDAR NOTE: Our next fraternity gathering is on the SECOND SUNDAY of the month, JUNE 12, because of Father's Day.**

### **Minutes for St. Charles Fraternity meeting on May 15, 2022**

Vice Minister Joy Olry opened with prayer. Minister Joyce Wesner is still recovering from her illness.

Attendance: We had 10 members and two visitors: Joy Olry, Nancy Steinhofer, Sr. Mary Govert, Teri Queitsch, Vicki Marcellus-Smith, JoAnn Arendt, Carol Beiswanger, Sandra Kiraly, Karen Amstutz, Jacki Didier, and guests Henrietta Harris and Lori Meyer.

Franciscan Crown Rosary prayers were prayed. Seven decades with readings.

Cards passed around for Joyce and Rich. Vicki read memorial for Marilyn who has recently passed away.

Treasurer's report: 5/15/22= checking \$2,434.24 & savings= \$7,227.93 with \$10.00 to Queen of Angels Mass for Marilyn.

Secretary's report.

Old business: No old news to report.

New business: 1) Prayer partners were picked. Those absent will be able to participate next meeting. 2) A reminder to invite friends who may be interested to come to our 9/18/22 meeting for our "Come and See" at St. Mary's.

Sr. Mary gave us a great lesson (part 2) on the early Church to the Middle Ages and Vatican II as well on Perpetual Adoration and the Eucharist.

Refreshments were shared.

Our guest, Henrietta, showed us how to make rope Rosaries for our military.

Prayer intentions for, Barb's daughter on her first vows (6/5/22), Jan's slow recovery, Peace for Israel and Ukraine, Bob Olry, safe travels for Sr. Anita and two others on their way to Assisi.

Evening Prayer was recited, then closing prayer given by Joy Olry.

Respectfully given,  
Teri Queitsch, OFS  
Acting Secretary

### **PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS**

#### **June - Families**

**We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives**

#### **July - Elderly**

**We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.**

#### **Please pray for:**

Regional Fraternity visitations/elections  
St Anthony parish & the departing friars  
Rich Cain – knee replacement recovery

Jan Scher – health  
Joyce Wesner – health  
Arlene Lewis - health

## JUNE FRATERNITY GATHERING

**Date:** June 12, 2022      **Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Place:** St. Mary's School teachers lounge  
232 N. Main St., Avilla

**Sister's talk:** TBD

**Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer II**

**Trinity Sunday**

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Hymn: #132, page 1565

**Homebound:** John 6

## Love Your Commitment in 2022

- Love my fraternity
- Love the Rule
- Love Scripture
- Love conversion



## BIRTHDAYS

*Jan Scher*      6/26

*Doris Bermes*      6/30

## PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

*Gina Settimi*      6/23/1996

*Bill Nichter*      6/23/1996

## Food for Thought on Corpus Christi – June 19th

Let everyone be struck with fear, let the whole world tremble, and let the heavens exult when Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a priest! O wonderful loftiness and stupendous dignity! O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! The Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under an ordinary piece of bread! Brothers [and sisters], look at the humility of God, and pour out your hearts before Him! Humble yourselves that you may be exalted by Him! Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves, that he Who gives Himself totally to you may receive you totally! - *from A Letter to the Entire Order (FA:ED, page 118)*

The Fort Wayne cell is now meeting for prayer following the Thursday 11:00 a.m. Mass in the chapel at the University of Saint Francis. Anyone is welcome to come.

*Do you know of someone in our fraternity who is sick, homebound, has gone into a nursing home, or is in the hospital? Please contact Vicki and she will send a card. Her contact information is on page 1 of this newsletter.*

**Opportunities for fraternity apostolates:** 1) Knit, crochet, sew, or even quilt 30"x30" lap robes for the residents of Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. They must be these dimensions so they cover the residents' laps adequately, but don't get caught in wheelchair wheels. 2) Carve wooden crosses that people could hold (approximately 5" tall x 2.5" wide). 3) Make cord rosaries.

**Thought for this month:** When you come to serve the LORD, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, undisturbed in time of adversity. Cling to Him, forsake Him not...

*Sirach 2:1-3*