



“Share the Joy”

*Holy Spirit Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
of Claremont*



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Minister’s Corner:

As I hope all of you know, our beloved Richard Wilde went to our Lord on the morning of September 16, the eve of the feast of the stigmata of St. Francis! Richard was professed at St. Joseph’s, Pomona in 1965 and he transferred to the Holy Spirit Fraternity in September 1990. Several of us had the opportunity to spend time with Richard the last few years when he was in need of a ride to church. In those times of sharing, we learned some of Richard’s fondest memories and history. He was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he was gifted with a Catholic education throughout his life, even up through college where he attained a Bachelor’s degree. With a twinkle in his eye, Richard often told the story of how he went home daily for lunch, but when snowing, the nuns would say “Don’t come back”! In high school, he enjoyed attending the football games and often repeated to us the cheers from those days. Richard joined a Franciscan 1st order as a Brother immediately after high school and remained with them for 7 years, but discerned that it was not his vocation and left before final vows. He subsequently enrolled in college to obtain his degree in teaching. His first job was in a one room school house where he taught students from grades 1 through 8 (what a task!) He taught school for several years, ultimately landing in Pomona at Sacred Heart School. He even spent a brief time teaching at OLA. He eventually left teaching to work in the office at a local paper company. Richard was an example of a faithful Secular Franciscan who lived his vocation for 52 years! He always attended meetings even though it became more and more difficult, setting a great example for us. He always brought a smile and a positive attitude. As his physical condition deteriorated, we would ask him how he was doing. His standard reply was always “not bad for an old guy”. And he also liked to repeat with a grin what his mother used to say: “It’s no fun growing old”! One evening recently when Kristen and I were visiting him, she asked him about the organ in his house and if he played. I was

surprised to see him go over and begin to play by memory “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”. A fun fact about Richard that he shared with us is that at birth his mother named him Maurice Vincent. But a neighbor demanded that he be named after one of her boys, so Richard’s mother did in fact change his name to Maurice Richard. May we all continue to keep Richard’s soul and the souls of all of our faithfully departed Franciscan brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Peace and All Good,

Randy

Thoughts of Francis and Friends:

In my humble conviction, appreciation ... is as necessary for social order and harmony as are the laws of gravity for the physical world.

St. Solanus Casey, OFM, Cap.

Calendar of Events:

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| Oct 3 rd 7:00 ~ 9:00pm | Transitus Celebration with the Felician Sisters Convent at St Joseph’s Pomona |
| Oct 4 th 2:30 ~ 4:00pm | Blessing of the Animals at OLA. |
| Oct 6 th 6:30 9:00pm | Council Meeting @ the Mussatto’s. |
| Oct 7 th 10 ~ 11:00am | Blessing of the Animals at OLA. |
| Oct 7 th 4:00 pm | Annual Renewal of Profession during Mass at OLA. |
| Oct 8 th 1:00 ~ 4:00pm | Fraternity meeting @ OLA Convent. |
| Oct 10 th 10:00 am | Rosary for Richard Wilde @ OLA. |
| Oct 10 th 10:30 am | Memorial Service for Richard Wilde @ OLA. |
| Oct 14 th 8:30 am-4:00pm | Regional Gathering Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, La Habra. |
| Nov 4 th 5 th 11 th 12 th 18 th 19 th | Sign-up for Thanksgivings day meal |
| Nov 22 nd 7:00 ~ 9:00pm | Set up auditorium for Thanksgivings Day meal OLA Auditorium. |



Memorial for Richard Wilde:

Richard, a long time member of this Fraternity, has been called home to God. A rosary will be held on Oct 10th at 10:00 am at OLA followed by a Memorial Mass at 10:30am. He was remembered at the annual Remembrance Ceremony during the National Chapter of the Secular Franciscans, USA. The picture is of the Memorial created during the remembrance for Franciscans who died since the last year's Chapter, including Richard.

Transitus:

We have been invited to join the Felician Sisters to celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis in their convent on the grounds of St Joseph Church in Pomona at 7:00 pm followed by fellowship. We encourage all members of the Fraternity to accept their invitation.

Blessing of the Animals:

Because of the excellent response to the Annual Blessings of the Animals held at the OLA School a second blessing ceremony will be held for the entire parish. The ceremony takes about an hour and is held on the lawn at OLA. The first ceremony will occur on Oct. 4th at 2:30 pm and the second will occur on Saturday October 7th at 10:00 am. We will need assistance handing out medals and St Francis cards (which will have information about the Fraternity on them).

Annual Renewal of Profession:

At the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday Oct. 7th, we will have our annual Public Renewal of Profession. All Professed members should attend. Note: this is a better attended Mass than the 5:30 pm Mass where we have had the renewal in the past.

Pastoral Visit:

Sylvia Paoli, OFS, our Regional Spiritual Assistant visited our Fraternity on Sept. 10th for a Pastoral Visit. She will be providing a report to the Fraternity.

Ongoing Formation:

We will continue to study Pope Francis' Encyclical letter, 'Laudato Si' at our October Fraternity Meeting. Please study chapter one before the meeting. Diana will lead the formation using the 3rd of Fr Dan Horan's videos on the subject. Please also review the study questions in the handout that you should have received at the June meeting.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Bob Cullen (Therrisa's husband), Jackie Foley, OFS, Patricia (Randy's mother), Julie Bash, OFS, and Barbara Trkowski, OFS who are in need of healing.
- Please remember Richard Wilde, OFS who passed away recently.
- Members of our Fraternity: Ann, Bob, Barbara, Theresa and all Secular Franciscans who are, for whatever reason, unable to attend Fraternity meetings.
- That people listen to Pope Francis's call for dialog rather than absolutism.
- For peace, patience, strength and understanding throughout the world.
- To be thankful for our many blessings.

A Day of Celebration and Renewal:

On Saturday October 14th between 8:30 am and 4:00pm, the Region will have its annual gathering at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in the Colman Center (900 La Habra Ave., La Habra, CA 90631. It will be a chance to share who we are, including sharing photos, meeting friends old and new. Bring food to share as it will be a potluck lunch. Continental breakfast will be served.

Thanksgivings Day meal:

Time to put it on your calendars, Thanksgivings is coming. Your Fraternity will again organize the Thanksgivings Day meal at noon at OLA in the Auditorium. We will need the help of the entire Fraternity. The three weekends prior to Thanksgivings day we will need people to sign up helpers, people to prepare food, and guests after each of the weekend Masses at OLA. On Wednesday evening before Thanksgivings Day, we will need people to set up the auditorium. On the Thanksgivings Day we will need people to serve the food, and greet the guests. We don't do the bulk of the work. We are the people who organize volunteers to help ensure everyone has a great time.