



“Share the Joy”

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



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Minister’s Corner:
FRATERNITY AKA FAMILY

This last week I’m sure has been busy for everyone. Many of our members attended the retreat in Malibu and some of our members have been dealing with family illness, personal illness, graduations, weddings and so much more. Even though so much is happening we need to take time to stop and remember each other, with a prayer a phone call or visit. As you know Mary Pat and Rachel including others who have been brought to our attention for prayer need our support, prayers and even a visit. We need to be reminded sometimes in the busyness of life what is most important and the answer is one other. Peace and all Good.

Claudia Thompson, OFS

Minister Holy Spirit Fraternity

Jul 23th 6:30 - 9:00 pm Initial Formation, Classroom Our Lady of the Assumption

Aug 12th 5:00~7:00pm District Picnic, at the Mussatto’s

Sep 9th 1:00~4:00pm Fraternity Elections

Marian Celebration and Dinner:

On the May 20th, over 25 Fraternity members and guests gathered for our Annual Marian Celebration and meal. We began by praying the Franciscan Crown Rosary in the Convent chapel. We then adjointed to the dining room for a pot luck meal. In keeping with the Marian theme, various statues of Mary were put on the table and we were challenged to identify them. We were blessed both with visiting Seculars who may transfer into our Fraternity and guests who came to see what the Seculars are about.

Calendar of Events:

Regional Retreat

Jun 10th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Fraternity Meeting, 1st Floor Convent at Our Lady of the Assumption

Jun 10th 6:40 ~ 8:00pm Iftar Dinner at Amadiyya Mosque in Chino

Jun 11th 6:30 - 9:00 pm Initial Formation, Classroom Our Lady of the Assumption

Jul 15 mail delivery Nomination forms due to committee

Jun 25th 6:30 - 9:00pm Initial Formation, Classroom Our Lady of the Assumption

Jul 8th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Fraternity Meeting, 1st Floor Convent at Our Lady of the Assumption

Jul 21st 5:00 - 6:00 pm Diana’s Profession at St Paul the Apostle in Chino Hills



Over Memorial Day weekend the Region had its annual retreat at the Sierra Retreat Center in Malibu. Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF led the retreat: A Lover’s Quarrel with the World: The Mission of the First Franciscans and Ours: What was the “worldly” spirituality that characterized the early Franciscan movement? A set of DVDs is being prepared for those who could not attend. Myrna, Diana, Jacqui, Amelia, Mary Pat, Mary, Bill and Judith were able to attend. Ask

them about their impressions. It was also the 25th Anniversary of our Region so of course we had a party on Saturday Evening.

Profession:

Diana has completed her Initial Formation, The council is scheduling a pre-profession retreat for sometime in June. Her Mass of Profession will take place in her home parish, St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (14085 Peyton Dr, Chino Hills, CA 91709) at 5:00 pm on July 21st. A Mexican themed dinner is planned to follow. Once again, this is a chance to let more of our fellow Catholics learn about the Secular Franciscan Order. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

District Picnic:

Another upcoming event, this one open to all your families, is our Annual District Picnic. It will be held on August 12th beginning at 5:00 pm in the Mussatto's backyard. It will be a pot luck event with our Fraternity providing the meat course. It's a chance to invite your family and people who are interested in the Order. We will be joined by members of Immaculata and St. Padre Pio Fraternities. This will also be the last gathering before our elections.

Interfaith Outreach:

On May 19th @ 6:00 pm members of our Fraternity accepted the invitation to an exhibition on the Qur'an, an interfaith discussion on fasting, and a collective breaking of the Muslim fast at sundown (around 7:50 p.m.) followed by dinner, known as an Iftar Dinner. Over the course of this and previous gatherings, we have asked and answered questions about our respective faiths and begun to get to know more about the individuals with whom we are sharing meals. At this event there were representatives of Buddhists, Mormons, Sikhs as well as a few Catholics. On June 10th they are having another Iftar Dinner at the Mosque at 11941 Ramona Ave. Chino. If you were unable to attend the earlier dinner here is your chance.

Ongoing Formation: Council and Election

We will continue our preparations for election by reviewing the duties of a Fraternity Council, the terms of office, eligibility and how the council functions. Our council consists of a Minister, Vice Minister, Formation Director, Secretary, Treasurer and one Councilor. The council serves for a term of three years. They are responsible for guiding and animating the Fraternity.

Most decisions are made by consensus. It has been the tradition in this Fraternity to begin each Council meeting with a meal. At the meeting, Maria will lead a discussion on the duties of the council as well as the nomination process, including who can run for which office. At the meeting we will hand out nomination forms which should be returned to the nominating committee (Juanito and Judith) **no later than** July 15. All professed can submit nominations. All active professed are eligible for any office, except for Amelia who is eligible for Secretary, Treasurer or Councilor only. Juanito is not eligible for any office because he just was professed.. This will all be explained at the June Fraternity meeting.

Nomination Committee:

Judith Mussatto, OFS (276 E. Green St. Claremont, CA 91711-5626. jbnmussatto@earthlink.net) and Juanito Garlitos, OFS, (6159 Granite Ct, Alta Loma, CA 91737, imgarlitos@msn.com) are the nominating committee. You can use a single form to nominate a Fraternity member to more than one office (just circle the office(s)). Returning the form to both Judith and Juanito by July 15th. This will allow nominees enough time to accept or reject the nomination.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Rachel Rodriguez, OFS, Teresa Cullen, OFS, Jackie Foley, OFS, Jackie Bradley, Julie Bash, OFS, Bob Eagleton, OFS, Jo-Ann Hardwick, OFS, Gorge Wurzel (Jane's brother) and Edison Marshal (Dixie's husband) who are in need of healing.
- Members of our Fraternity: Ann, Ted 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.

Thoughts of Francis and Friends:

No longer be only a witness. Be now fully enfolded in my Love. Open your heart to your brothers, and sisters. And you open your heart to Me. For it is through you that I come to all people. To bring My healing and Love to the world.

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