



“Share the Joy”

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



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Minister’s Corner:

COME AND SEE – WE NEED YOU!!

Your current council has been exploring new ways of doing things. You might have noticed some little changes over the last couple of months. We as your council always want you to feel free to make suggestions that you think will make something better that you feel isn’t quite working and let us know about the things you do like so we keep them going. In April we will start up our “Come & See” meetings again to those interested in learning more about St. Francis and living the secular life. Our fraternity will be putting announcements in the local church bulletins and our first meeting will be on April 15th from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Chino. This is something we would like to do a few times a year to get the word out about the Secular Franciscans Order (You have heard we are the best kept secret in the Church – LOL). It would be great if you could attend and welcome those who are interested and if you have any friends or acquaintances let them know too. These are planned to be fun, interesting and in a relaxed atmosphere.

A LOT is happening this April so please don’t forget to calendar those events that are in this newsletter.

Peace and All Good,
Claudia T. OFS
Minister

Calendar of Events:

- Apr 2nd 6:00 ~ 9:00 pm Initial Formation Interviews at Claudia Thompson’s
- Apr 7th 10:30 - 11:30 pm Riverside/San Bernardino District Meeting, St Patrick’s Church Moreno Valley
- Apr 8th 1:00 ~ 3:30 pm Monthly Fraternity Meeting, Convent at OLA
- Apr 9th 6:30 ~ 8:30 pm Initial Formation, OLA Classroom, Berkeley Building
- Apr 14th 8:00am ~ 3:30 pm Pre-Profession Retreat, Reflection

- Apr 15th 9:00 ~ 11:00 am Room, OLA
Come and See meeting at St Margaret Mary Church, Chino
- Apr 21st 4:00 ~ 5:30 pm Planned Profession, St Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Rancho Cucamoga
- Apr 23rd 6:30 ~ 8:30 pm Initial Formation, OLA Classroom, Berkeley Building
- Apr 27th 6:30 ~ 9:00 pm Monthly Council Meeting, at the Mussatto’s
- Apr 29th TBD Meeting with the Moslems, Ahmadiyya Mosque Chino
- May 20th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Marian Celebration and pot luck dinner Convent at OLA

Thoughts of Francis and Friends:

I began to understand that the basis of living the gospel is love, to love others without finding excuses for withholding my love from anyone, and I was convinced of my need to forgive and to ask for forgiveness.

Josephine Rush, OSF

Fellowship at our meetings:

We have rearranged our meetings to begin by sharing food before we start the actual meeting. To this end we have signed up volunteers to bring the food at each meeting. In April Diana, Myrna and Jaqui We tried this out at the March meeting and it seemed to be a great success. We have people signed up through September.

Upcoming Profession:

Juanito will be have his pre-profession interview and retreat with the council. We anticipate that he will be professed on April 21st at St Peter and St Paul church, . 9135 Banyan Street, Alta Loma, CA 91737 at the 4:00 pm Mass. This will be the parish’s regular Saturday evening Mass. The parish has asked us to stay briefly after the Mass to answer any questions from those who witness this joyful event. A reception will follow at a local restaurant. We will provide details at the April Fraternity meeting.



Palm Sunday Bake Sale::

Well we *Hopped in to Easter* with a bang. We had hoped to extend the sale through the Vietnamese Mass, but we ran out of baked goods. It was the culmination of a lot of work by members. Even Terri was able to join us. We had a single child’s activities table where Mary Pat made bird feeders with children. The live bunnies were also a big hit with the kids. A number of people stopped by to see how rosaries are made. There was almost no baked goods left over this year. Plants, particularly those in ceramics pots sold out fast. This year we handed out trifolds about the Secular Franciscan Order to many people with purchases as an attempt to make us less of a secret. We had a brief meeting after the sale to discuss what worked and what didn’t.



Interfaith Outreach:

We have been invited to go to the Ahmadiyya Community Mosque in Chino on April 29th. We will be doing this in conjunction with St Margaret Mary Catholic Community in Chino CA. More details will be available at the meeting.

Ongoing Formation:

This fall the we will be electing a new council to lead and animate your Fraternity. In preparation for this our council has decided to pause our study of *Laudato Sí* and study what a council is, how it works and our responsibilities, as professed Secular Franciscans. This will be the focus of our ongoing formation between now and the election. Remember we will be having the annual District Picnic in August and Fraternity Elections in September



Religions Educational Congress:

Several members volunteered to help introduce the Secular Franciscans to the people who attended the annual Los Angeles Archdiocese Religious Education Congress (the largest in the nation). They helped explain our order to anyone who visited the Region’s booth. We had several people from our area express interest and we hope to see them at upcoming Fraternity meetings.

Please remember in your prayers:

- Jackie Foley, OFS, 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.
- Emiliano Garlitos (Juanito’s father) and his family who morn his lost.
- Members of our Fraternity: Ann, 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.

