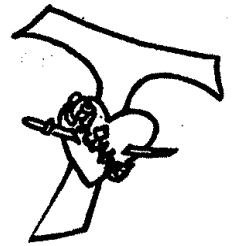


Immaculata Vision ~ ~ April, 2017

Immaculata Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

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He is Always With Us: "Joy is born from knowing that with Him we are never alone, even at difficult moments."

~ ~ Pope Francis

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Calendar of Events for April, 2017:

- 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
- 6 (1st Thursday) – Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Brigade, 4:00 pm @ St. Thomas' KDC.**
- 7 – First Friday Adoration, Queen of Angels old Church, all day. Liturgy of the Hours and Benediction at 5 pm
- 9 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- 9 – Seder Meal @ Mickie's @ 1:15 pm. Bring your own special place setting.**
- 10 – (2nd Mon.) – Council Meeting @ 4:00 pm @ Lorraine's**
- 11 -- Passover
- 13 – Holy Thursday
- 14 – Good Friday –Fast and Abstinence
- 15 –Holy Saturday (Vigil of Easter)
- 16 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- 18 – Passover ends
- 22 – Earth Day
- 22 (Fourth Saturday) – Fraternity Meeting/Gathering @ 9:30 am @St. Thomas' KDC**

Looking Ahead to May...

- 4 (1st Thursday) – Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Brigade, 4:00 pm @ St. Thomas' KDC.**
- 5 – First Friday Adoration, Queen of Angels old Church, all day. Liturgy of the Hours and Benediction at 5 pm
- 8 – (2nd Mon.) – Council Meeting @ 4:00 pm @ Lorraine's.**
- 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

13 – Fraternity Retreat @ St. Matthew's in Corona with Friar Johannes Fryar. 9:00am – 2:00 pm. (if you're not going to the SFO retreat at Serra, it would be a good idea for you to go to our fraternity retreat)

- 14 – Mother's Day
- 20 (Third Saturday) – In lieu of our Fraternity Meeting/Gathering, we're attending the Region Retreat on Bonaventure @ 9:00 am -3:00 pm @ Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Claremont in the Convent Room. Bring your own lunch. (Third Saturday due to the 27th being during the Memorial Day Weekend).**
- 25 – The Ascension of the Lord
- 26, 27 & 28 – SFO Retreat at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu.

- 29 – Memorial Day Holiday
- 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Birthdays & Profession Anniversaries:

- April Birthdays: 5th – Lisa Boebinger
27th – Bruce McAdams
- April Profession Anniv.: – Aarne Lozano, 1991
- May Birthdays: 2nd – Gloria Torres
5th – Jim Neuffell
- May Profession Anniv.: 4th – Raul Bosque, 2003

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Seder Meal: April 9th (Palm Sunday) @ Mickie's house @ 1:00 pm.

Sponsored by Jim & Mary Belle Neuffell.

Please! be on time and **please** bring your own place setting. Being late causes a great disruption on this very solemn occasion.

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Our March 25th Fraternity Meeting/Gathering Ongoing Formation Questions, from Ray Hardwick, OFS:

Topic:

Our Ongoing Formation will be on the Fraternity, a presentation from the FUN (formation) Manual.

Questions:

1. What does fraternity mean to you?
2. How might you help the fraternity to present itself to the world as a community of love?
3. How has fraternity helped your Franciscan vocation grow?
4. In what ways has it been a hindrance?
5. What contributions have you been able to make to develop the spirit of family in the fraternity?

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From the Formation desk of Ray Hardwick, OFS

TRANSFORMATION

It is of crucial importance that the cross of Jesus Christ is in the center of our hearts – central to our calling, and central to our mission. The Lamb of God on the cross stands before the throne of God. (Rev. 5:6) The cross is the center of the universe. We must experience its meaning in its height, depth, and breadth as a mystical revelation through the Holy Spirit. It is not enough to believe it; we must ask God that we may be allowed to experience it in a living way.

--- J. Heinrich Arnold (Sounds like St. Francis)

I hope your Lent, so far, has been one of discovering new ways, and maybe some old, of drawing closer to the Lord Jesus. If we are not different, if we are not closer to the Lord on Easter than we were on Ash Wednesday, then Lent has been a lost opportunity for us.

Traditionally, prayer, fasting and almsgiving have been the heart of our Lenten observance. We are sincere in our disciplines, we strive to make them a part of our lives and a lot of the time it fails to become a reality in our lives.

With what is left of Lent we can look at it from a different viewpoint. In the work of several spiritual writers they are using discoveries of the new physics as a way of relating to the Divine Presence. They are confirming what the mystics have been telling us all along—that we are one, not just all human beings, but all of creation, the entire universe.

So—Lent is a time to recall that everything is connected—something that St. Francis discovered early on and he called all of creation brother and sister.

Perhaps the most difficult part of Lent is to keep our hearts open for an extended period of time so we can allow God to bring light to what must be changed. So, as Lent is moving toward Holy Week try to become open and vulnerable to the divine Presence, allowing God to expose places in our hearts that suffer from the illusion that we are separate and apart. This is the real work of Lent, and it requires us to be open and honest with God so God can be honest with us.

~~ Peace and all Good, Ray

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Spiritual Assistant's Letter

From the Desk of **Bob Murray, OFS**

The Bigger Question: Who Are We?

3/6/2017

There are four marks of the Catholic Church. We acknowledge them as we recite the Nicene Creed; they are: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

- We are **one** in faith and in our creed.
- We are **holy** (or becoming holy) as God is holy. (Our Church has been marked by outstanding examples of holiness in the lives of the saints of every age, no matter how dark the times may have been for the Church.)
- **Catholic** means the Church is universal; all are invited, no exceptions.
- **Apostolic** means the Church was founded by one of Jesus' Apostles. Just as the Egyptian Coptic church was founded by St. Mark the Apostle and the Church in India was founded by the Apostle St. Thomas, the Roman Church was founded by the Apostle St. Peter. You and I, as baptized Catholics, belong to the Apostolic Church known as the Roman Catholic Church.

As members of this One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church we have responded to 'the Christos' to be his disciples. Moreover, you and I as Secular Franciscans deepened that commitment to Christ, and the papacy, by being publicly professed into the OFS. (See Articles 1, 2 and 3 of our Rule.)

A disciple is a student of the master. As Jesus' disciples, we are his students; we study under him and Jesus is the Master Teacher. A true disciple, a true student, does not just take notes in class or study for a test. He or she listens carefully, places those lessons and values into their own lives, and does not hoard the message but passes it on to others. This is what we are each called to do. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you and I are called to be holy as God is Holy and to spread the Good News!

How might we do this? Before Jesus began his ministry (excluding Mary and Joseph's finding Jesus teaching in the Temple), he spent 40 days on retreat, 40 days praying and reflecting in the desert. We, too, must spend time in the

desert praying and reflecting on our lives. The church gives us a special opportunity to do just that. It is called Lent.

As disciples, we are called to follow Jesus' teaching example and take time for prayer and reflection. Since our father Francis celebrated a year-round Lent, what have each of us been called to do; to listen and learn from the Master by studying the gospel message and to follow Jesus in Francis' footsteps? This is how we live Lent! This is how we live our profession!

Now, I realize that as the Church celebrates Lent, this special season leads us to the Easter Celebration! As the Lenten season draws to a close the Church remembers and celebrates Jesus' salvific act culminating with the Easter Vigil. This remembrance is celebrated over a period of three days and... something very special happens during the Easter Vigil! Adults are baptized into the faith! They become new members of the Church! Yes, we celebrate infant baptisms throughout the year but this special celebration during the Easter Vigil is for adults who come to the faith after study and discernment on their own.

Just as becoming a professed member the OFS should not be the goal of any Candidate, baptism should not be the goal for those about to be baptized; baptism is only the beginning of a new life with the Christ. As Father Eugene Hensell, OSB writes in 'The Bible Today' (March/April 2017, pg. 93) following the Baptismal Rite during the Easter Vigil "The challenge from now on will be to live one's life according to the teachings of the Gospel." (Did he read our Rule?)

So, who are we? We are disciples of the Master. We are Christian. We are baptized members of the Roman Catholic Church. And as church we are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. Additionally, you and I are professed members of the Secular Franciscan Order.

This is who we are.

This Lent, this Easter Season, is a perfect time for each of us to renew our commitment to Christ as his disciples, to our commitment to live our Rule of Life, and our commitment to support the Church and the papacy. Therefore, continue studying the gospel, take a fresh look at the Sermon on the Mount, and then... place those values into your life. This is what we professed to do, and in so doing, we will spread Jesus' message to those around us by word and deed.

~~ Bob Murray, OFS

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(Great advice for Lent ~~)

To Keep a True Lent

by Robert Herrick

Is this a Fast, to keep the larder lean?

And clean

From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish of flesh, yet still

To fill

The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour, Or ragged to go,

Or show

A down-cast look and sour?

No: 'tis a Fast to dole Thy sheaf of wheat

And meat

With the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife And old debate,

And hate;

To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent; To starve thy sin,

**Not bin;
And that's to keep thy Lent**
(Submitted by Ray Hardwick, OFS)

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Council Meeting Notes for March 13th

- **Council Formation:** Ray: Jesus says: "I Thirst for You." written by Mother Theresa
- **From our Formation Director:** Ray:
- **Plan our next Fraternity Meeting/Gathering:**
At: St. Thomas' KDC @ 9:30 am on March 25th.
Opening Prayer: by Ray Hardwick: Franciscan way of the cross based on the Peace Prayer
Ongoing Formation: by Ray: Chapter on Fraternity, from the FUN (For Uptil Now) formation manual. And share prayer at end of presentation.
Break: Fellowship & Refreshments by (whoever wants to bring something to share.)
After Break: Pre-Election talk from Bill Mussatto/Any important sharing, and dialoging.
Closing Prayer: by Bob Murray, OFS
- **Ray's Book Recommendations:** "I Thirst for You" written by Mother Theresa
- **Seder Meal: April 9th (Palm Sunday) @** Mickie's house @ 1:00 pm. Coordinated by Jim & Mary Belle Neufell. Please be on time and please bring your own place setting. This is a very special occasion, should dress for it.
- **This Year is our elections on June 24th! @ 9 am – 12 noon @ St. Thomas' KDC.** Start thinking about who would be good to nominate for a council position. No campaigning. Nomination Committee: Bruce McAdams and David Burrola. Must have an audit of the books before the election, cannot be anyone on the council doing the audit.
- **May 13th 2017 Retreat @ St. Matthew's in Corona** with Friar Johannes Fryar. 9 am – 3 pm. **BYOL** (Bring Your Own Lunch). If you aren't going to the Retreat in Malibu, you really should go to this May 13th retreat.
- **May 20 Regional Retreat in Claremont @ Our Lady of the Assumption @9 am – 3 pm.** Bring breakfast food. This retreat is in lieu of our May Fraternity meeting/gathering.
- **Next PB&J Brigade** is April 6th @ 4:00 pm @ St. Thomas' KDC.
- **Next Council Meeting** is April 10th at 4:00 pm at Lorraine's.

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America understands itself as God's handiwork, but the black body is the clearest evidence that America is the work of men. - Ta-Nehisi Coates
(Submitted by Ray Hardwick, OFS)

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**(From The Word Among Us Catholic Magazine –
Daily Meditations for Lent, 2017)**

Saturday, March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Luke 1:26-38

The Lord is with you. (Luke 1:28))

When politicians announce their intention to run for office, they make a speech describing who they are and what they stand for. Although today's passage is not about politics, it does announce a new kind of government entering the world: the kingdom of God. We read about the moment when the archangel Gabriel gives Mary his message of the coming Messiah. In this announcement, he promises her and all who will come after her, "The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28).

In the Old Testament, the presence of the Lord was not revealed to everyone equally. Rather, God communicated mainly with Israel's leaders or prophets. But when Gabriel told Mary, "The Lord is with you," he was marking the beginning of a new era, a new relationship between God and his people. The uncreated, omnipotent God would become Emmanuel, God with us. For Mary, it meant the nearness of the Lord conceived in her womb. For Jesus' disciples, it meant an encounter with God made flesh. And for us it means the presence of God dwelling in our hearts through the Spirit.

The Lord is with you. The angel's announcement rings down through history to each one of us. At Mass we are told, "The Lord be with you." Through these four words, the priest reminds us that God is with us through every experience—the joyful moments, the sad ones, the difficult ones, and every moment in between. He is with us in our deepest spiritual experiences, and he is with us when we can't feel his presence at all.

As you attend Mass tomorrow, think about the power of this little phrase each time you hear it. Let it remind you of God's constant, loving presence. Let it be a comfort when you feel alone, an encouragement when you feel discouraged, and a blessing in times of joy. From the moment of his conception in Mary's womb, Jesus has been and always will be with you. **"Lord, thank you for being with me all the time."**

- ❖ Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
- Psalm 40:7-11
- Hebrews 10:4-10

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The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image. If in loving them we do not love what they are, but only their potential likeness to ourselves, then we do not love them: we only love the reflection of ourselves we find in them. -- Thomas Merton
(Submitted by Ray Hardwick, OFS)

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Secular Franciscan Saint/Blessed of the Month Club:
(Catholic saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.)

Blessed Anacleto González Flores

Also known as: Anacleto Gonzales Flores

Memorial: 1 April

Born: July 13, 1888 in Tepatitlan, Jalisco, Mexico

Died: shot by a firing squad on April 1, 1927 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico



Venerated: June 22, 2004 by Pope John Paul II

Beatified: November 20, 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI

As a law student during the time of the persecution in Mexico, Anacleto Gonzales felt he needed to challenge his godless professors and, so, organized the Catholic students in defense of the Church. He himself joined the Third Order of Saint Francis. Believing in the power of the press, he founded a weekly newspaper called *The Word*, and was a regular contributor to other Catholic periodicals. He also started a second weekly called *The Sword*. The government tried on a number of occasions to silence him by jailing him. His efforts would then turn to evangelizing his fellow prisoners.

Finally, the government decided to make an example of Anacleto. Because he refused to reveal the whereabouts of the archbishop, he was hung up, whipped and pierced with daggers. Anacleto maintained his silence, but to one of his executioners said, "I have labored unselfishly to defend the cause of Christ and his Church. You will kill me: But know that the cause will not die with me. I go, but with the assurance that from heaven I shall behold the triumph of religion in my native country."

Anacleto was run through with a bayonet and died from a volley of bullets. It was April 1, 1927. He left a young wife and two small sons.

His funeral was cause for a great outpouring of faith among the people and loud cries of "Viva Cristo Rey!" (Long live Christ the King!), a powerful tribute to a lay Franciscan who lived and died for the kingdom.

Ever since the first Christians refused to sacrifice to the gods of Rome, believers have maintained a dissident stance at the risk of their lives. We may not be called to join the company of martyrs, but we are certainly called to raise our voices in defense of the poor and the unborn, to protest dependence on violent solutions in the international arena. We may keep our lives, but we risk another kind of martyrdom: the disapproval of our peers.

I die but God does not die! – *Blessed Anacleto's last words*

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**We say Goodbye to our Sister
Stella Alice "Pacifica" Caywood, OFS**

Entered This Life: August 9, 1935

Entered Eternal Life: February 22, 2017



(Picture by Brenda Rogers, OFS)

In lieu of an obituary, here is Stella's Autobiography from March 16, 2007:

I was born at home in Los Angeles, CA. on August 9, 1935. After my birth, I became very ill. My mother cut my baptism gown down the back, put my arms through the sleeves and called the Priest from Immaculate Conception Church and I was given an emergency Baptism.

My father and mother were very young when they married. While pregnant with me my mother and father lived in a cave at Palos Verdes Beach. To this day, my favorite place to be is near the ocean. I truly feel at home while I'm there. My father was on the W.P.A. and received \$32.00 a month. My grandmother stayed home watching over my sister Theresa, who was a year older than I. Sometime later my father joined the Army.

My parents had six children: three girls and three boys – Theresa, Stella, Donald, Bernice, Richard and Danny. Richard died at age one, Theresa at sixteen, and Danny at thirty-eight. During the war my mother went to work for Angelus Aircraft as a spot weld inspector on airplane wings.

I have always loved our house with the white picket fence – I must have been very happy there. I started school at the age of seven and I recall wearing dog tags to school in case we were bombed. I can still hear the air raid warden yelling, "Get those lights out," and the loud sound of shelling at the beach. Most of all I loved our house that had a screened-in upstairs porch. In the summer, it was my bedroom. Many nights I would listen to the sound of the summer crickets and fall asleep looking at God's stars and awake to His morning sunrise. I loved the times I could spend time with my mother and just hold her hand.

I have been Catholic since I was two months old.

To be a Catholic is important to me because I can receive Communion and know that Jesus steps into my soul.

I have been a Californian all my life.

I had 10 pregnancies with seven live births. I have sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. My favorite adult memory is the birth of my children.

God has given me the love of people, the love of birds and the love of writing.

The things I would like to do over would be to "not commit so many sins."

What inspires me to my own greatness is the thought that God made me out of nothing, breathed into me a soul and made me in His own image.

I saw the power of God while I watched my son David die so acceptingly of God's will, and saw with great joy his last smile as he reached his hands up toward Heaven.

I try to stay connected to God by praying that I may go where He wants me to go, do what He wants me to do, be what He wants me to be and have the courage to accept it.

If I could ask God one thing, I would ask Him why do the little birds that die and all animals have to suffer?

I discovered the Secular Franciscans from Margaret Freeman, OFS. She was so full of love and kindness, and always had a smile for everyone. I said, "If this is what you are as a Franciscan, I would like to be one." But I was afraid to become a Franciscan – I was afraid I wasn't good enough. I told Fr. Anthony (Howard) about it just before I stepped through the church doors to be professed, and he said, "Stella, you're already a Franciscan." I felt better and I think every day I should remember that this is what I was professed to be.

I would like to see more people come to be Franciscans. Maybe we could have a bake sale like the Spanish people did and have pamphlets to give out to let people know what we are all about, and that they are welcome to be part of our

family. No matter where they go, they will always have a loving order of brothers and sisters to welcome them.

No, I don't have any problems as I know I have everyone's prayers for me and my family.

I stay in the Franciscans because they are my family of love and kindness, and because we are called to be the prayer of St. Francis.

Here are some kind words from current and former fraternity members:

"I feel very sure in my heart that Stella passed from this life directly into the arms of Jesus. As my Dad always said when someone passes away: 'Now they know.' My heart feels so good knowing Stell is up in Heaven interceding for us and that one day, when it's our turn to be called home, we'll all meet up together! Please keep Stella and her family in your prayers. Rest in Peace Pacifica! Peace & Blessings, Lisa & Bob (Millen) Boebinger, OFS

"That just breaks my heart. Our beautiful Stella, I'll miss her dearly as I know everyone will. Such a gentle and kind spirit. May she Rest In Peace. Please let me know of funeral arrangements when you find out ok. Sincerely, Brenda (Rogers, OFS)"

"Our beautiful, beautiful Stella. Rest in the peace of Mary's arms and I know her babies were there to greet her into her new life. I feel I have a Guardian Angel now for our fraternity. I love her, as I know all of us do. Peace and All Good. Camille (Page, OFS)"

"Hi Lisa, I am so sad to hear about Stella passing away. I know that she had a very hard life along with her many medical and personal problems. Dear Sister Stella.....May you rest in peace. (Love, Lillian Copak, OFS)"

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Remember our former Fraternity Sister?:

Edelgard (Edie Mendoza)

Lindeen, OFS

(Edie was professed on Dec. 8th 1990, with Lisa & Anne)

Edelgard Lindeen passed away on Feb. 16, 2016.

Better known as Edie, she was born July 21, 1936 in New York City.

Edie moved to California and continued her nursing education, working in Los Angeles then moving to

Riverside where she retired from Riverside General Hospital.

About 25 years ago, she moved to Calimesa where she was a long-time resident.

She had no children and was preceded in death by her husband Ralph "Dude" Lindeen and her only sibling, Fred Lederer of New Mexico.

She is survived by sister-in-law Dottie Lindeen Putnam; brothers-in-law Ted Putnam, Carl Lindeen and Andrew Lindeen - all of Colorado; sister-in-law Elizabeth Lederer of New Mexico, nephews Adolf Lederer of Kentucky, William Lederer of Maryland, Kathryn Lederer Henry of Tennessee, Kari Lederer Bachmann and Kristy Lederer Jake of New Mexico; nine great-nephews and six great nieces.

A memorial service will be held in Colorado at a later time. Donations are welcomed to the ASPCA of Yucaipa in her memory.

(Submitted by our Sr. Anne Knighten)

(If anyone knows of any former fraternity members who have passed away, please let me know - I'd like to include them in

our Deceased Fraternity members for our Epiphany Celebration Extractions. Thank you! Lisa)

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Please keep in your prayers:

(If you are in need of prayers, please email me at lisa.sfo@att.net and I'll add your intentions to our list below:)

and please add to your Prayer Tree List the following:

Please continue to pray for Ken Wilde for emotional reasons and migraines.

Please continue to keep Jo-Ann Hardwick in your prayers & Ray who has a lot of pain in his knees, lower back and hip.

Donna Baylor asked for prayers for her daughter Beth Baylor, who suffers from paranoia.

Please pray for Sekoiya Spencer's sons Darius and Jason.

And please continue to keep Georgia Zepek's parents, Bill & Ruthie King in your prayers.

Georgia's mother Ruthie has dementia and needs to go to a nursing home. Georgia & family needs to decide which home to go to. Georgia's father is not handling it well.

Please continue to pray for Lorraine's beau Edward Watkins, still recovering from pneumonia, but is home now.

Please continue to pray for David Burrola and Aarne Lozano.

Please continue to pray for MaryBelle Neuffell.

Please continue to pray for Stella Pacifica Caywood's sons Mark and Paul. Mark has Cirrhosis of the liver stage 4.

And please continue to pray for George & Barbara Molchan.

Please pray for all those unemployed in our fraternity who are looking for a job, along with those who have lost their healthcare coverage. And who are in great financial problems due to being unemployed or other problems.

And please continue to keep your Fraternity brothers and sisters in your prayers along with their intentions.

AND ... Have you prayed for your Franciscan Prayer Partner lately?

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Your Monthly Pearls of Wisdom:

I hope life isn't a big joke, because I don't get it.

~~ Jack Handey

Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.

~~ Benjamin Franklin

What is creative living? Any life that is driven more strongly by curiosity than by fear.

~~ Elizabeth Gilbert

Never trust a computer you can't throw out a window.

~~ Steve Wozniak

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Sr. Joanne Schatzlein, OSF



Joanne is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota and entered her congregation in 1961. She received her BSN in Nursing from Marquette University and holds a MA in Franciscan Studies from St. Bonaventure University. She joined Franciscan Pilgrimage

Programs in 1990.

In addition to pilgrimage work, Joanne has given presentations in formation programs for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, the Intercommunity Franciscan Novitiate in the Midwest and the OFM Intercommunity Novitiate. She lectures internationally, promoting an understanding of Franciscan history and spirituality in ongoing formation, retreat work and higher education. In addition, she has served as a consultant on various Franciscan planning committees and as an editor for several Franciscan authors. She has authored several articles on Franciscan topics for The Cord and other journals.

Joanne currently serves her congregation as the Director of the Office of Corporate Ministries.

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Here is the schedule for our PB&J Brigade for 2017... all are on Thursdays @ 4:00 pm.... Apr 6th, May 4th, June 8th, July 6th, Aug 10th, Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 9th, Dec 7th. (Yes! your calendar eagerly awaits this information!)

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"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year's winning submissions:

- When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A. The batteries were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
- Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

The Daily Extra ... First Time: The first American Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. An estimated 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska that day. Arbor Day is now celebrated on the fourth Friday of April.

The Daily Extra ... Riddle: What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?

The Daily Extra ... Groaners: World's Best Bad Jokes and Puns: A skeptical anthropologist was cataloging South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal medicine man who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the medicine man looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, who needs enemas?"

The Daily Extra ... Famous Doodlers: Mark Twain, Thomas Edison, Ronald Reagan, Michelangelo, and Winston Churchill were all avid doodlers.

The Daily Extra ... Spelling Bee: Choose the correct spelling of this frequently misspelled word:
satellight satellite sattalite

The Daily Extra ... Money-Saving Tip: Store brand, over-the-counter medications are generally cheaper by 20 to 40 percent than the big-name brands. You could easily save \$100 a year by buying generic or store brands.

The Daily Extra ... 50 Years Ago on This Date . . .

April 21, 1967: General Motors (GM), the world's largest automaker at the time, celebrates the manufacture of its 100 millionth American-made car.

The Daily Extra ... Household Tip: Eliminate odors in a room naturally. Fill a few saucers with vinegar and place them around the room to freshen the air.

The Daily Extra ... Fun Fact: The idea of Netflix came to Reed Hastings when he had to pay \$40 in overdue fines after returning *Apollo 13* well past its due date. He founded Netflix with Marc Randolph in 1997 in Scotts Valley, California.

The Daily Extra ... First Time: In 2006, Effa Manley was the first woman inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, honoring her commitment to baseball and civil rights. In 1946, the Newark Eagles, owned by Effa and her husband, won the Negro League World Series, defeating the Kansas City Monarchs.

The Daily Extra ... Fun Fact: It's not just human males that flex to impress. Male kangaroos strike poses that show off their arms, too.

(Answer to Riddle: the letter m)

(Answer to the Spelling Bee: satellite)

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2017 Serra Retreat in Malibu, CA.

Secular Franciscan Order Regional Retreat

MAY 26 – 28, 2017 (Friday - Sunday)

Topic: St. Clare of Assisi: Franciscan Woman, Leader, Healer and Friend

Sr. Joanne Schatzlein, OSF will be the retreat master. If interested in retreat and would like to sign up, please call the office at (310)456-6631. **Start saving your money!**

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
 When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
And finally: Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.
 (Submitted by [who else?] Ray Hardwick, OFS)
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Stella's pictures from her funeral Mass taken by Brenda Rogers, OFS



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Do you know what our Region's website is?
<http://www.stfrancisregion.org/>
 Check it out sometime!

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(He who sings well, prays twice! ~ St. Augustine)

FLY LIKE A BIRD

by Ken Canedo

Refrain: Fly like a bird to the Lord, my soul.

I want to soar like an eagle.

Though I may journey far away from home,

I know I'll never be alone.

Verse 1: O God, you know who I am.

You know my hopes and my dreams.

In my pondering and fears,

in my joy and in my tears,

O God, your presence is real.

Refrain: Fly like a bird to the Lord, my soul.

I want to soar like an eagle.

Though I may journey far away from home,

I know I'll never be alone.

Verse 2: Where can I run from your love?

Where can I hide from my God?

From the dawn of morning's light

to the darkness of the night,

O God, your presence is real.

Refrain: Fly like a bird to the Lord, my soul.

I want to soar like an eagle.

Though I may journey far away from home,

I know I'll never be alone.

Verse 3: When I am down and afraid,

when I am falling away,

you extend a gentle hand,

and I know you understand.

O God, your presence is real.

Refrain: Fly like a bird to the Lord, my soul.

I want to soar like an eagle.

Though I may journey far away from home,

I know I'll never be alone.

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