

**Immaculata Fraternity Mission Statement:**

*As members of the Secular Franciscan Order we seek to live the Gospel so as to inspire others to share love in Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis.*

*(Ratified at our Council Meeting on Sept. 11, 2017)*

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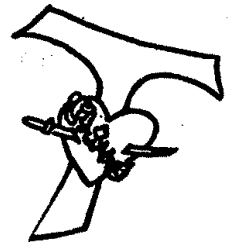
***Our Goal for 2018: To visit those who are excused and homebound on a regular basis.***

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**Immaculata Vision ~ ~ October, 2018**

**Immaculata Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order**

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**June 24th 1978 ~ 2018: The 40th Anniversary of our OFS Rule!**

**Calendar of Events for October, 2018:**

**3 – Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi @ 7pm @ St. Thomas KDC Chapel.**

- 4 – Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi
- 5 – First Friday Adoration, Queen of Angels small church, 6 pm.
- 8 – Columbus Day
- 8 (2nd Mon.) – Council Meeting @ 2 pm @ St. Thomas KDC Center**
- 11 (2nd Thurs.) – Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Brigade, 4 pm @ St. Thomas’ KDC.**

**27 (4th Sat.) – Fraternity Gathering @ 9:30 am @ St. Thomas’ KDC Center.**

31 – All Hollows Eve – Halloween

**Looking Ahead to November, 2018...**

- 1 – All Saints’ Day – Holy Day
- 2 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)
- 2 – First Friday Adoration, Queen of Angels small church, 6 pm.
- 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends
- 10 – District Meeting hosted by Immaculata Fraternity at St. Thomas, 9:30 am.
- 11 – Veterans Day (Holiday)
- 12 (2nd Mon.) – Council Meeting @ 2 pm @ St. Thomas KDC Center**
- 15 (3rd Thurs.) – Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Brigade, 4 pm @ St. Thomas’ KDC.**
- 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 – Thanksgiving Day (Holiday)

**24 (4th Sat.) – Fraternity Gathering @ 9:30 am @ St. Thomas’ KDC Center.**

25 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ Christ the King Sunday.

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**Birthdays & Profession Anniversaries:**

- October Birthdays: -- 11th – Bob Dak
- 14th -- Aarne Lozano
- 22nd – Ray Hardwick
- 23rd – George Molchan
- 24th – Lorraine Cardin
- October Anniv : -- 5th – Jim Neuffell’s Deaconate Ordination Anniversary, 1985
- November Birthdays: -- 13th – Mickie Rogers
- 29th – Joice Quinsaat

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***Congratulations and God’s choicest blessings for you Sekoia on your Profession!***

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**Minister’s Letter  
From the Desk of  
Bruce McAdams, OFS  
Discernment**

As a Secular Franciscan we need to move beyond the initial question as to whether or not I want to be a Franciscan in the third order in the secular world, but how to live this vocation out in the world today.

How am I called to live?  
Who am I called to serve?  
What does it mean to be a Secular Franciscan?

Secular Franciscans are a gospel people, committed to making the gospel known by our words and our lives. When discerning God’s will, our own feelings can be a good guide but they always have to be taken with another question: what does the world-specifically God’s church-

need that I can provide? The easiest way to discern God's will is to ask a simple question: what am I good at?

The true heart of this question is not about determining what we are capable of, on our own and based on what society values but determining what God is capable of through us that will give God glory.

When discerning in this sense, we are not concerned with what we may be best at. All that matters, is our ability to make God present in a new way.

As much as what we want to do is important, truly understanding what God's community needs from us can direct us to where God wants us most.

Our vocation to live a Secular Franciscan way of life calls us to live in the spirit of St. Francis and according to the rule/constitution of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Members of the Secular Franciscan Order are service-oriented with a sense of concern and compassion for others. They have good listening skills and willingly share their ideas and options and a willingness to dialogue with others.

Secular Franciscans are ready and able to deal with life issues and willing to embrace a counter-cultural stance that is part of SFO life.

No matter what we do or don't do, no matter if we get it "right" or "wrong" God will be there at our side guiding our path.

Our goal in discernment is to journey with God to be constantly listening for the call that He has for us. The call to be a disciple of His Son in today's world. Our goal, above all else, is to live in the moment with God.

Peace and all good, Bruce McAdams, OFS

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**From the Formation desk of Ray Hardwick, OFS**  
**TRANSFORMATION**

When's the last time you prayed Psalm 139? What it reminds us, is, that no matter where you are or what you say, or what you do God is there before we arrive, listening to what we say and observing what we do. I wonder if we would do or say some of the things we do and say if we were aware that Jesus was there. Not condemning—only loving us.

Let's reflect on one area of behavior—tolerance for the other, whoever that other may be. Be they Christian, Jew or Muslim, be they black, brown, yellow or white or any shade in between. Be they gay or straight, the political left, right, moderate or some other degree of political thought.

Here are some reflections on tolerance that we all need to learn. We all have a right to our own thoughts. We all have to think things out and to think them through until we come to our conclusions and our own beliefs. That is a right we should respect. We often condemn what we don't understand.

There are two things we must remember: All roads lead to God if we pursue them far enough and long enough. It

is a fearful thing for any individual or church to claim a monopoly on salvation.

It is necessary to remember that truth is bigger than any individual's grasp of it. No individual or institution can possibly grasp all truth. The basis of tolerance is simply the realization of the magnitude of truth itself.

Intolerance is a sign of both arrogance and ignorance, for it is a sign that people believe that there is no truth beyond the truth they see.

We must remember that any doctrine, belief or way of living must finally be judged by the kind of people it produces. The way we live, proves or disproves the truth we proclaim.

No one can condemn beliefs or a way of life which makes people good. We may hate a person's beliefs or lifestyle, but we must never hate the person. We may wish to eliminate the teaching, but we must never wish to eliminate the teacher. If we remember that we may less intolerant. A practice I have adopted recently is when I find myself judging someone, I stop and say a Hail Mary and I am finding myself being less judgmental of others.

**Reflection:** Who have you condemned? Who do you ignore? Humans can be quick to dismiss others, but God continues to offer His mercy to **everyone**. How can you take on the mercy of God? Who do you need to serve?

Peace and all Good, Ray Hardwick, OFS

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**Spiritual Assistant's Letter**  
From the Desk of **Bob Murray, OFS**  
**The Importance of Profession**  
**September 9, 2018**

What does it mean to be professed as a Secular Franciscan? For certain, profession is serious business, but how serious? To profess is to make a declaration. When a Candidate makes his or her profession as a Secular Franciscan that person is declaring to God, in front of many witnesses who can later testify to the fact, to live according to the Order's Rule of Life, gospel values, and the founder's charism which is to rebuild the Church as it is falling apart!

This declaration, this act of profession during a Mass, is a promise to God to live by these values for a lifetime, for as long as we live. That promise is not a vow but it borders on one. This promise is just as demanding as a vow one might take as they enter religious life. As a Candidate becomes professed during the Profession Rite, he or she is making a promise to God, not to the Minister, not to the Church Witness. By undergoing the Profession Rite the newly professed is consecrated to the Lord just as is someone entering religious life. That's serious. Being consecrated means that one is being set apart from the norm of life in order to live a life dedicated to God's service. As Seculars, you and I, have been consecrated, set apart, to live in fraternity and to rebuild the Church today

as it is falling into disarray, to follow our Rule, and to live a gospel life.

As we have come to understand over the centuries, the Church is in constant need of repair and shoring up. The Church has often been depicted as a boat on a stormy sea, perhaps a leaky boat in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. This leaky boat constantly needs repair lest we all drown.

If we are to work toward repairing the Church we must be servant-leaders. We must first rebuild/upbuild ourselves (through ongoing formation), then look for the tools within ourselves to make the necessary repairs in our part of the boat. As servant-leaders we are charged to get busy by helping to strengthen the faith within our communities... our local and parish communities as well as our fraternal community. We preach the gospel each in our own way. We offer informed guidance where guidance is needed and act as a servant of God serving others, but always under the auspices of the Local Ordinary, the Bishop.

Jesus was a preacher par-excellence. He could preach to hundreds in the open air alongside the Sea of Galilee. He preached the Good News to all who would hear. Very few Seculars are ordained priests or deacons who have authority to preach during Mass, but you and I are still charged to spread the good news. We are not called to duplicate what Jesus did but we are called to live as he lived, to care about others, to care about the poor and rich alike. Francis followed in Jesus' footsteps and we follow in Francis' footsteps. We are called to live according to the gospel and to rebuild Christ's Church.

That's what becoming a professed Secular Franciscan is all about, to be a servant-leader for God in his Church, which includes being a servant-leader in fraternity life. Becoming professed, being consecrated to the Lord, is major step to take in life, not one to be taken lightly. As such, we each have a job to do. Francis said as he lay dying "I have done what was mine to do, now you must do what you are called to do."

Peace and all Good, Bob Murray, OFS

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**"Stay Awake!"**

**Thursday, August 30, 2018**

**1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51**

Jesus emphasized the importance of awareness and always being ready. He was often Passionate and radical regarding inclusion and justice. This awareness and commitment to justice is implied in the modern-day use of the word "woke." Woke is an adjective that has entered mainstream usage with the Black Lives Matter movement, though it's been part of black culture for decades. It relates to an attitude of questioning the mainstream narrative and personally staying informed and involved. Many in our society are in the process of waking up and standing up to a variety of social injustices. Often awareness of one form of discrimination or oppression opens our eyes to many others, and we become determined to "stay woke." We who are ashamed of falling asleep while a plague of "isms" infected our communities

are now hyper-vigilant and hopeful that it's not too late to change corrupt and unfair attitudes and practices.

**Awaken me, God of justice, to the urgency of your message of human dignity and the common good.**

**Amen.**

*(Submitted by Ray Hardwick, ofs)*

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**The Lord God grants His graces in two ways:** by inspiration and by enlightenment. If we ask God for a grace, He will give it to us; but let us be willing to accept it. And in order to accept it, self-denial is needed. Love does not consist in words or feelings, but in deeds. It is an act of the will; it is a gift; that is to say, a giving. The reason, the will, the heart - these three faculties must be exercised during prayer. I will rise from the dead in Jesus, but first I must live in Him. If I do not separate myself from the Cross, then the Gospel will be revealed in me. Jesus in me makes up for all my deficiencies. His grace operates without ceasing. The Holy Trinity grants me Its life abundantly, by the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Three Divine Persons live in me. When God loves, He loves with all His Being, with all the power of His Being. If God has loved me in this way, how should I respond - I, His spouse? --- **St. Faustina** *(Submitted by Ray Hardwick)*

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**The New Evangelization** calls us to open our eyes to those who might say they have no one. Most likely they won't cry out for help, yet can we befriend those we see each day? Can we stop and notice them as Jesus did? Can we share the good things God has done for us after we have accepted his love and committed ourselves to him? It's not easy. It's easier to get on a plane, fly to Israel, and walk where Jesus walked than it is to stay at home and live as Jesus lived.

—from the book *Jesus the Evangelist: A Gospel Guide to the New Evangelization* *(Submitted by Ray Hardwick)*

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**A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH**

*Heavenly Father,*

*In every age, you have been our refuge.*

*Yet again and still, we stand before you*

*asking for your protection on your holy Church.*

*For the victims of abuse and their families, pour out your healing and your peace.*

*For the Bishops of this country, continue to inspire their decisions, and guide them with your Spirit.*

*For the thousands of good and faithful priests, who have followed your call to serve you and your people in holiness, sustain them by your grace.*

*For the faithful who are angry, confused, and searching for answers, embrace them with your love, restore their trust, console them with your clear Gospel message, and renew them with your sacraments.*

*We place our Church in your hands, for without you we can do nothing.*

*May Jesus, our High Priest and true compass, continue to lead her in every thought and action – to be an instrument of justice, a source of consolation, a sacrament of unity,*

*and a manifestation of your faithful covenant.*

*Grant this through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord,*

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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### **An Account of my Tongue**

*I tremble to think that I have to give an account of my tongue. There is life, but there is also death in the tongue. Sometimes we kill with the tongue: we commit real murders. And we are still to regard that as a small thing? I truly do not understand such consciences. I have known a person who, when she learned from someone that a certain thing was being said about her, fell seriously ill. She lost a good deal of blood and shed many tears, and the outcome was very sad. It was not the sword that did all this, but the tongue. O my silent Jesus, have mercy on us!*

**(St. Faustina's Diary 119)**

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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.)*

#### **September 17th: The Stigmata of St. Francis**

#### **Friar's E-Spirations: The Stigmata of St. Francis from Franciscan Media**

The Chapel of the Stigmata is perched on the edge of the same sheer precipice where St. Francis stood two years before his death and was swept up into the mystery of God's overwhelming love for him and for humanity.

St. Bonaventure, in his *Life of St. Francis*, describes Francis as being more inflamed than usual with the love of God as he began a special time of prayer at La Verna in September of 1224.

"His unquenchable fire of love for the good Jesus," Bonaventure writes, "was fanned into such a blaze of flames that so many waters; could not quench so powerful a love" (see Song of Songs 8:6-7).

#### ***The Vision of a Seraph***

Bonaventure goes on: "While Francis was praying on the mountainside, he saw a Seraph with six fiery and shining wings descend from the height of heaven. And when in swift flight the Seraph had reached a spot in the air near the man of God, there appeared between the wings the figure of a man crucified, with his hands and feet extended in the form of a cross and fastened to a cross. Two of the wings were lifted above his head, two were extended for flight and two covered his whole body.

"When Francis saw this, he was overwhelmed and his heart was flooded with a mixture of joy and sorrow. He rejoiced because of the gracious way Christ looked upon him under the form of a Seraph, but the fact that he was fastened to a cross *pierced his soul with a sword of compassionate sorrow.*"

When the vision disappeared, writes Bonaventure, Francis was left with a "marvelous ardor" in his heart. At the same time, there "was imprinted on his body markings that were no less marvelous."

These markings were the stigmata, the wounds of Christ crucified.

### ***More about the Seraph***

There are two things to dwell on here. First is the Seraph. Seraphs are angels closest to God, burning with love as they bow before God, shouting, "Holy, holy, holy!" Their fiery wings suggest the flaming intensity of God's love that Christ communicated to Francis, which, in turn, set Francis' heart afire. The word *seraphic* is often used to describe Francis' passionate style of relating to God and is often applied to the Franciscan Order, which is sometimes called the Seraphic Order.

Second, we focus on "the gracious way that Christ looked upon him." This is something of a repeat of the vision Francis had in the beginning of his spiritual life in which "Jesus appeared to him fastened on a cross. Francis' soul melted at the sight, and the memory of Christ's passion was so impressed on the innermost recesses of his heart that from that hour whenever Christ's crucifixion came to mind, Francis could scarcely contain his sighs . . ." (Bonaventure's *Life of St. Francis*).

The Greek word *stigma* means "a scar left by a hot iron: brand," according to *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (Eleventh Edition). *Stigmata*—the plural form of the same Greek word—can also mean "bodily marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ." This provides a basic background for understanding the mysterious phenomenon of the stigmata in Christian history.

I begin my reflections on the mystery of the stigmata by confessing that the first person I think of as having such bodily marks, apart from Jesus, is St. Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. As the founder of the Franciscan Order, St. Francis is certainly a primary shaper of Franciscan spirituality. St. Francis therefore is a preeminent focal point in helping us contemplate the meaning of the wounds of Christ and of his own wounds and thus to come to a Franciscan understanding of suffering.

#### ***The crucified Christ appears to Francis***

On two separate, dramatic occasions, Francis had a vision of Jesus, wounded in hands, feet and side, suffering on a cross. If we look carefully at the two visions we will see them as closely interrelated. Both visions are described in St. Bonaventure's *Life of St. Francis*. It's helpful to remember that Bonaventure, as a Franciscan theologian and spiritual writer, often described God as a God of overflowing goodness and love.

The first vision happened to Francis shortly after his conversion from a rather worldly life. After that experience, Bonaventure tells us: "One day, while Francis was praying in a secluded spot and became totally absorbed in God through his extreme fervor, Jesus Christ appeared to him fastened to the cross. Francis' *soul melted* at the sight, and the memory of Christ's passion was so impressed on the innermost recesses of his heart that from that hour, whenever Christ's crucifixion came to mind, he could scarcely contain his tears and sighs."

Bonaventure points out that from that time on Francis began "rendering humble service to lepers with human concern and devoted kindness.... He visited their houses frequently, and generously distributed alms to them and with great compassion kissed their hands and their mouths."

#### ***Francis' vision on Mount La Verna***

About two years before his death, St. Francis had a second vision of Christ fastened to the cross. Here is how

St. Bonaventure sets the scene in his *Life of St. Francis*: “On a certain morning about the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross [September 14], while Francis was praying on the mountainside, he saw a Seraph with six fiery and shining wings descend from the height of heaven. And when in swift flight the Seraph had reached a spot in the air near the man of God, there appeared between the wings the figure of a man crucified, with his hands and feet extended in the form of a cross and fastened to a cross. Two of the wings were lifted above his head, two were extended for flight and two covered his whole body.

“When Francis saw this, he was overwhelmed and his whole body was flooded with a mixture of joy and sorrow. He rejoiced because of gracious way Christ looked upon him under the appearance of the Seraph, but the fact that he was fastened to a cross *pierced his soul with a sword* of compassionate sorrow.”

This is a good place to say a word about the Seraph. Seraphs are those angels closest to God, burning with love as they bow before the Most High God, shouting “Holy, holy, holy!” (see Isaiah 6:2-3.) Their fiery wings, as depicted here, suggest the flaming intensity of God’s love that Christ communicated to Francis, which in turn, set Francis’ heart afire. The word *seraphic* is often used to describe Francis’ passionate style of relating to God and is often applied to the whole Franciscan Order, which is sometimes called the Seraphic Order.

**The meaning of the Stigmata**

As suggested earlier, St. Francis is an important key for us in unlocking the meaning of Christ’s Stigmata. September is a good month to contemplate the meaning of the Stigmata for any of us who consider ourselves followers of St. Francis. As many of us know, Franciscans celebrate the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi each year on September 17, which is an estimated date of his receiving the wounds of Christ at Mount La Verna in 1224, two years before his death.

When St. Francis saw in his vision of the Crucified Christ the incredible outpouring of God’s love upon him, he was inspired to respond with the same kind of overflowing love. We too contemplate that vision and try to respond in the same spirit.

**Prayer**

*Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you and adore you. Like Francis, we are amazed that you held nothing back from us in pouring yourself out for us so totally through your holy wounds on the cross. We ask you to breathe forth your Holy Spirit into us and set our hearts on fire, so that, with the Spirit’s help, we might respond more fully to you. Amen.*

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**(From the Word Among Us Catholic Magazine – Daily Meditations for September, 2018)**

**Monday, September 17, 2018**

**Luke 7:1-10**

**Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Optional Memorial)**

*They approached Jesus and strongly urged him to come. (Luke 7:4)*

Today’s Gospel recounts one of Scripture’s best-known stories about the power of intercessory prayer: Jesus heals an unseen servant with only the power of his word. It’s an

inspiring story, but take a look at how it all began. People came to Jesus and urged him, begged him, to come. They weren’t asking on behalf of a family member or a friend or even another Jew. They were asking him to come heal a pagan soldier’s slave. An unlikely believer, the Roman centurion recognized that Jesus, like Caesar, possessed supreme authority. So he sent envoys to convey his request, and Jesus responded!

Many miracles in Scripture occurred because someone went to Jesus on another person’s behalf. Often it was a parent pleading for a child or a friend begging Jesus to intervene. And over and over, Jesus answered their request.

Intercession like this isn’t limited to biblical times. We can all be intercessors. We don’t need a special title or training. In fact, you probably already intercede for your family and friends. But maybe now is an opportunity to learn to pray a little more effectively. How? Like the centurion, try making a plan and pushing yourself to stick with it.

First, find a piece of paper and write down the people, places, and situations that you want to pray for. Maybe it’s people in your own home or parish. Maybe it’s a bitter conflict in a distant country. Don’t let the size of the request deter you.

Next, find a visible place in your home where you can post your list. You might put it on the refrigerator, on your mirror, or beside your Bible. Every time you see the list, picture yourself bringing these petitions to Jesus, just as the centurion did. Ask him to intervene in these situations to bring healing or reconciliation or whatever else is needed.

As time goes by, you may discover that God has answered some of your prayers. Put a check mark next to these. This will remind you that God is listening, even though other prayers seem to go unanswered. In moments of doubt, you can look back on these answered prayers and remember that God knows and hears the requests of his people.

**“Lord, I am not worthy, but please come and heal.”**

- 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33
- Psalm 40:7-10, 17

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**Please keep in your prayers:**

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

**and please add to your Prayer List the following:**

**Please pray for Mickie Rogers’ husband Jim, who is having complications after surgery.**

**Please continue to keep Jo-Ann and Ray Hardwick in your prayers.**

**Please continue to pray for comfort, consolation and strength for Jim Neufell.**

**Bob Murray’s wife Diane is having leg problems, please pray for her health concerns.**

Please pray for the health of my husband Bob Boebinger, he has a lot of pain, muscle weakness and several health issues. We're also having financial issues. We're hoping he can go back to work soon. Thank you kindly! (Lisa)  
Please continue to pray for Georgia Zepek's Mom Ruthie King who is still not doing very well with dementia. Please keep the family in your prayers also.

Please continue to pray for Ken Wilde for emotional reasons and migraines and pneumonia. (Ken is very lonely! He would like his fraternity brothers and sisters to call him, or come by to visit if they can, but please call him first.)

Please continue to pray for Donna Baylor's daughter Beth, she suffers from intermittent anxiety. She's fine most of the time but every now and then it pops up.

Please also keep Donna in your prayers. She is still sick, she had a pneumonia from hell – really bad, had to take special, really strong pills from scar tissue on her lungs. Has skin cancer on her ear and had surgery to take off part of her ear. It finally stopped bleeding, weeping, scabbing – going through that cycle. Getting better now.

Please pray for Sekoiya Spencer's sons Darius and Jason. Please continue to pray for David Burrola and Aarne Lozano.

Please continue to pray for Lorraine's beau Edward Watkins, he has double-pneumonia.

Please continue to pray for Stella Pacifica Caywood's sons Mark and Paul.

And please continue to pray for George & Barbara Molchan. Got a call from Lorraine, she left a message saying that our brother George Molchan is back on a feeding tube and has a new pacemaker.

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 and other problems.

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

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

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### Your Monthly Pearls of Wisdom:

*There are good days and there are bad days, and this is one of them. ~~ Lawrence Welk*

*You can't have everything. Where would you put it?*

*~~ Steven Wright*

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### The Daily Extras:

**Did You Know?** Pumpkins aren't just orange in color. Various varieties also grow to be red, blue, yellow, green, tan, and white.

**Unscramble** the following letters to reveal this October word. **kippumn**

**60 Years Ago on This Date . . . October 4, 1958:**

Trans-Atlantic passenger jet service began with commercial flights between New York and London.

**70 Years Ago on This Date . . . October 10, 1948:**

The Green Bay Packers played so badly in a 17-7 loss to the Chicago Cardinals that coach Curly Lambeau legendarily fined his team and released two players as "an apology to the people who paid good money to see it."

**Riddle:** What kind of coat can only be put on when wet?

**Green Clean:** Freshen your garbage disposal by putting approximately five ice cubes down it along with a handful of lemon (or other citrus) rinds, then turn on the water, and run the disposal.

**Did You Know?:** In just one day, hurricanes produce enough energy to power the millions of lights in Las Vegas for many years.

**Anagram:** Rearrange the letters in the phrase to discover the related words or phrase: **moon starrer**

**First Time:** In 1927, in Hinckley, Illinois, the Harlem Globetrotters played the first game of their long franchise history. Interestingly, the original Harlem Globetrotters were actually from Chicago. The team didn't play a game in Harlem until 1968.

**Fun Fact:** A group of buzzards is called a "wake". A group of finches is called a "charm."

**Spelling Bee:** Choose the correct spelling of this frequently misspelled word: millennial milennial millenial

**World Traveler:** A nonstop flight from New York to Moscow takes more than nine hours, but you could walk from the U.S. to Russia. How?! The Bering Strait separating Alaska and Russia contains two islands only 2.5 miles apart, Russia's Big Diomedes and the U.S.'s Little Diomedes. During winter, the water between the islands freezes, so technically you could walk across the frozen water from the U.S. to Russia.

**Name that 'toon:** Can you identify this comic strip character? "I'm a Latino teenager who loves cars and girls. I also have a job at Auto Y Rod, an auto supply shop."

**By the Number: 17,897:** Number of original *Peanuts* comic strips published between the strip's debut in 1950 and creator Charles Schultz's death in 2000.

**Act Your Age? Nah.** Ferdinand Porsche, founder of the automobile company of the same name, designed the first hybrid gasoline-electric car at age twenty-five.

**80 Years Ago on This Date . . . October 30, 1938:**

Produced by Orson Welles and based on H.G. Wells' book *The War of the Worlds*, a radio adaptation of Martians invading New Jersey caused severe fear and panic when listeners believed the performance to be real.

**Match the phobia to its meaning:**

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| 1. triskaidekaphobia | a. fear of vampires    |
| 2. sanguivoriphobia  | b. fear of cheese      |
| 3. autophobia        | c. fear of number 13   |
| 4. turophobia        | d. fear of being alone |

(Answer to unscramble: pumpkin)

(Answer to Riddle: a coat of paint)

(Answer to anagram: astronomer)

(Answer to Spelling Bee: millennial)

(Answer to Name that 'toon: Baldo)

(Answer to Match the phobia: 1. c, 2. a, 3. d, 4. b)

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**The Dignity of People:**

*"Things have a price and can be for sale, but people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things."*

**Service: The Right Path**

*"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love."*

**Welcoming Others:**

*"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, loved and forgiven."*

**The Rule of Wealth:**

*"I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it."*

**Changing the World:**

*"To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us."*

*~~ Pope Francis*

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*(Whatever happens at each of these levels, affects me.)*

**Levels of the Secular Franciscan Order:**

**Local Fraternity** is made up of members with a Council.

**Regional Fraternity** is made up of local fraternity ministers with a Council. e.g. St. Francis Region which has about 650 members ~ 25 fraternities in the Region.

**National Fraternity** is made up of Regional Ministers with a Council. There are 30 Regions in the USA. In 2016 we were over 12,000.

**International Fraternity** is made up of National Ministers with a Council. 75 countries were represented at the International Chapter, Rome 2017

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**At our Fraternity Gathering on August 25th 2018 Lorraine Cardin, ofs announced she was stepping down as our Fraternity Minister. Moving up is Bruce McAdams, ofs as our new Minister. Georgia Zepek, ofs was elected by the council to our new Vice-Minister. Congratulations Bruce and Georgia!**



**Also at our August Fraternity Gathering we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the SFO Rule of 1978.**



**This year also happened to be the 40th anniversary of Lorraine's Profession! Congratulations Lorraine! Celebrating next to Lorraine is Bob Dak. St. Francis himself is joining in on the celebration! (Photos 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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