



“Share the Joy”



Holy Spirit Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order of Claremont

Newsletter

Listen, Discern, Go Forth!

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Minister's Corner

As I write this I am sitting waiting to serve people coming to vote. It is a joy to help others exercise their right to vote; however, imperfect our choices are. I am reminded of the phrase, 'Only God is Perfect'. The church, made up of human being is not perfect and our order, as our Minister General reminds us, is not perfect. When we try to hide our imperfections it just makes things worse.

Our task, I believe, is to learn how to improve ourselves and to find out how we can help others on their journey to become better. Always to do it with love and patience, remember they need love as do we.

Which I find it hard to forgive other's imperfections I look inside myself to see if I am secretly not admitting and forgiving my own imperfections and am seeing these imperfections in others. Please pray for yourself as well as others that we may grow in the path to which we are called.

Your servant,
Bill Mussatto, OFS

Calendar of Events:

- Nov 2nd 8:00 ~ 9:30am Memorial for Deceased Franciscans.
- Nov 9,16,23 4:15~6pm Signup for in person Thanksgivings Day Meal
- Nov 10,17,24 Signup for in person Thanksgivings Day Meal
- Nov 10th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Monthly Fraternity Meeting, OLA 1st floor C-5 (old convent).
- Nov 28 8:00~3:30pm In person Thanksgivings Day Meal
- Nov 30th 8-noon Pre-Profession Retreat. OLA church & Convent
- Dec 7th 4:00 pm Drop off bags for food collection
- Dec 7th 10:00 ~ noon Caroling at Garden View Nursing home
- Dec 8th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Monthly Fraternity Meeting, OLA 1st floor C-5 (old convent).
- Dec 14th 10:00 ~ noon Monthly council meeting 1st floor C-5 (old convent).
- Dec 21st - 22nd Food drive at OLA Masses
- Jan 4th 8am -5th noon Regional Gathering, Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center
- Jan 12th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Monthly Fraternity Meeting, OLA 1st floor

- Jan 25th 10:00 ~ 4:00pm C-5 (old convent). Council Planning Meeting OLA 1st floor C-5 (old convent).
- Feb 1st 4:00 pm Planned Profession Mass at OLA

Transfers:

After many months Mary Macleod, OFS was able to join St. Clare Fraternity in Phoenix, AZ. We wish her well in her new community. Frank Miller, OFS has asked to formally join our Fraternity.

Memorial for Deceased Seculars:

Fraternity members will attend the 8:00am Mass together on November 2nd. After Mass we will invite members of the congregation to join us in the OLA Reflection Room to pray the Franciscan Crown and remember our deceased fraternity and family members.

Formation:

Gail has been recommended for profession by your council. We have scheduled a pre-profession retreat on Nov. 30th beginning with the 8:00am Mass at OLA and continuing in the convent chapel. Please let your council know if you want to participate in the Pre-Profession Retreat.

We have tentatively scheduled her profession for 1 February at the 4:30pm Mass

The next council formation to review that various statuses of members.

Jaqui led the Fraternity Formation in October was to show the Franciscan Office, a variant of the daily Christian Prayer. It replaces the second reading with something from the writings of St Francis.

Diana will lead the November Fraternity Formation by discussing one of the chapters of Soul's Journey Into God as presented by Br. Kip Ledger, OFM, Cap.

Thanksgivings Day Meal:

The plans to have the Thanksgivings Day meal at noon in the Auditorium *in person* are progressing. At the last

meeting members agreed to person the table in the OLA Auditorium to coordinate sign-ups to prepare food, attend, and to serve at the meal. We need a few more people to ensure we have two people at each Mass for the sign-up tables before and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses on the weekends on Nov 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24. We also need volunteers for the meal on on Nov. 28th. We also need a few people the night before starting at 7:00 pm to setup the room. Remember this meal is a chance for people who do not have others to share Thanksgivings Day meal to gather as family. We ask the parishioners to help prepare the food and help us act as hosts. As in the past it will be a single serving beginning at noon.

Food for Food Pantry and Unhoused

It is almost time for the Advent Food Drive Parishioners to donate food, in the bags we provide, for the Food Pantry at St. Madine's and OLA's Unhoused Ministry. On the weekend of December 21st we collect and sort the food for the two destinations. This drive is more important than ever since the food donations can no longer be left outside the church after Masses. In particular we need people to sort the food since parishioners put food for both in the same bags (this actually results in more food being donated). We will have sign-up sheets at the November meeting.

Adopt-A-Family

Remember at the December meeting we will prepare food boxes for four families. This food will be distributed by our members to the families we select to receive the gift cards to brighten their Christmas. The families are selected by a local non-profit (Uncommon Good) and the gift cards are selected based on the number of children and what kinds of items they want.

Caroling:

We have received permission to visit Garden View Nursing Home (formerly Country Villa Claremont) to provide a bit of Christmas Cheer for the Residents. It will happen on at 10:00am on Saturday December 7th.

Thoughts of Francis and Friends:

Like the early Franciscans, we too are "Joyous penitents" who seek to spread the Gospel by showing what a happy thing it is to live it

May Agnes, FCC

Please remember in your prayers:

Cynthia Hewitt (Ted's wife); Zoila, Amelias' sister, Adele, Mary Macleod who is in remission; All Secular Franciscans who are, for whatever reason, unable to attend Fraternity

meetings.

For refugees especially those suffering the effects of conflicts, and weather particularly Florida, George, Spain, Taiwan and Louisiana related food shortages and those who minister to them. They are still suffering.

That we listen to Pope Francis who reminds us we are called to be peacemakers, bridge builders and for the willingness to listen to and learn from each other.

For peace and an end to suffering in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and those places that do not make the news. To be thankful for our many blessings.



Transitus:

We celebrated St. Francis' death, called the Transitus, in the evening of October 3rd in building C5 (the old convent) at OLA. We began in the Chapel of the Convent. After the prayers we gathered for light snacks. We had a few guests adding to the Fraternity members.



Walk for the Hungry

On October 5th Bill and Judith took part in the Inland Valley Hope Partners Walk for the Hungry. Thanks to members of the Fraternity who helped Judith raise \$700 for the cause. They use the funds generated to support several local food pantries and shelter for local families.