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EDITOR/ Coordinator's Note

My Dear Brothers & Sisters;

There are many exciting and blessed days ahead for us as we work together as a fraternity to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clair in our love of Jesus Christ. Among the exciting things happening for us is the recognition of two new liaisons for the fraternity. Ila Sowins– Dunmire has been elected by the council to keep us informed of the journey of the YouFra, the young Franciscans. Rosemarie LeClercq has also been appointed by the council as the liaison for the JPIG, which focuses on social justice issues. Lastly, I was reinstated to be the editor/coordinator of the Crown Newsletter. Ila will also be working with me on this project..

The council accepted the resignations of Paul Winter as Minister and Meagan Winter as secretary. The new counsel members are as

Follows:

Dan Medina -Minister,

Tom Schellenberger- Vice Minister,

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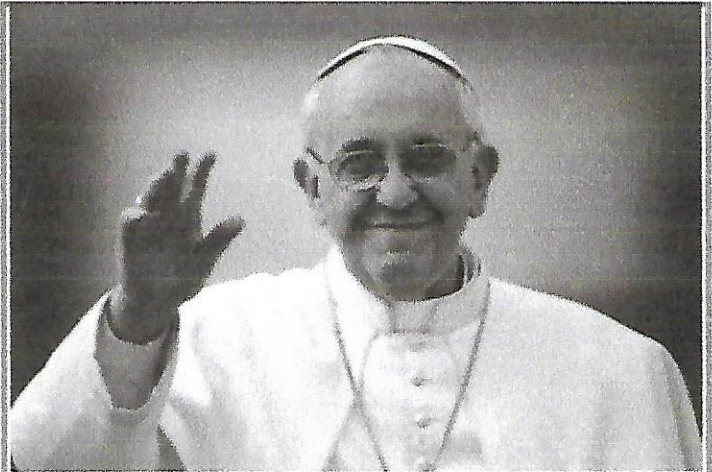
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- **Universal:** That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.
- **Evangelization:** That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

For all of the intensions that we lift up to the Lord in the silence of our hearts.

If you have any special prayer intentions please let me know. I can be reached at rammedd@hotmail.com

Mitch Mitchell, OFS
Crown Newsletter editor

May, 20, 2018, FRATERNITY MEETING

CLASSES FOR ORIENTATION:
Friary Conference Room

CLASSES FOR CANDIDATES I AND II:
12:00 - 2:00pm DIOCESAN CENTER

REGULAR MEETING:
St. Mary's Social Hall
· Begin Meeting
· Liturgy of the Hours
Social
· Ongoing Formation
The Franciscan Crown

From our Minister, Dan Medina:

I would like to share with you a good Gospel-to-life story, one of unit and fraternity.

St. Francis Region stretches from San Luis Obispo on the central coast of California all the way to the Mexican border. As regional minister, I was approached many times by like-minded people who wanted to start a Secular Franciscan fraternity; including a group of Spanish-speaking people from Santa Ana, California. For this group, we would need a Spanish-speaking spiritual assistant. There was none in the region. I have never been one to turn down a challenge.

I know a group of bilingual Franciscan sisters who have a home for elderly women. I frequently brought Confirmation students to entertain the ladies with songs and play bingo with them. The students got their service hours and the ladies enjoyed the company of young people. This is how I met Sister Tercita Gonzales, OSF. Her love of St. Francis and St. Clare was contagious. Father William Brand, OFM, too, learned of Sr. Tercita's contagious love and agreed to invite her to be the new spiritual assistant for the newly formed fraternity in Santa Ana.

Sr. Tercita and I met monthly to attend Mass at a packed church and met with people who wanted to form a Spanish speaking Secular Franciscan fraternity. Sr. Tercita would tell them, in the most beautiful way, about the importance of following the Secular Franciscan rule. "We Franciscans are called to imitate Jesus in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. We must make the Gospel come alive in our hearts through our daily journeys; Gospel to life and life to Gospel."

From this experience I learned, and want to share with you, that our Franciscan mission is to work together in life-giving relationships. This is how we can make present to the world the spirit and charism of our father, Francis. We pray together with each other in fraternity because we need our creator Father, our brother, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to guide us on our way. Article 1 of our Rule clearly explains this:

Rule, article 1:

The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God— laity, religious, priests— who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church (SFO Rule article 1)

As each of us reflects on the words of the Rule and Constitutions, we discover God spelling out how we are to live our lives as Secular Franciscans.

Rule, article 1

There are many spiritual families in the Church with different charisms. Among these families, the Franciscan family, which in its various branches recognizes St. Francis of Assisi as its father, inspiration, and model, must be included. (SFO Constitutions– Article 1.2)

The vocation of the SFO is a specific vocation that gives form to the life and apostolic activity of its members. Therefore, those who bound by a perpetual commitment to another religious family or institute of consecrated life cannot belong to the SFO. (SFO Constitution– Article 2.1)

The first article of our Rules illustrates with whom we are expected to have a particular relations.

-First Order Franciscans– Capuchins (OFM Cap.), Conventional Franciscans (OFM Conv.), Franciscan of the Observance (OFM/(OFM of Friars Minor),

-Poor Clares and other sisters of the Second Order, and

-men and women following the Third Order Regular Rule (TOR and Franciscan Sisters).

In our Franciscan journey, we have met many Franciscans (friars, sisters, and seculars) whose Franciscan way of life guided and challenged us to live the Gospel.

Reflection: From whom are you getting your Franciscan spirituality?

Attention Secular Franciscans!

St. Mary's Basilica Gift Shop will now be carrying all your Franciscan needs. Including Liturgy of the Hours, Guides, Crown Rosaries and any other needed essentials. We appreciate your business and support of St. Mary's Basilica!



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We have a new stock of Franciscan Crown Rosaries!

Community Prayer

**In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
The fraternity will pray the Franciscan Crown**



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Pearce, Sharon 5/7
Winter, Paul 5/20
Raimundo, Linda 5/28
McDonald, Angelita 5/31

MAY PROFESSIONS

NONE

CIOFS FORMATION
THE RULE
The Challenge

Do I love the Lord?

Mk 12:30

*"Christ, the gift of the
Father's love, is the
way to Him." Art 4*

1=never;

2=rarely;

3=sometimes;

4=often;

5=always

How have I shown my
love for the Lord
today?



CIOFS FORMATION
THE RULE
The Challenge

Do I love my neighbors? (*Mt 22:39*)

*"Seek to encounter the living and active person
of Christ in their brothers and sisters" Art 5*

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What areas of my life have I been willing to
give to God?



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Regional Retreat- The Regional Gathering– Retreat will be held the weekend of August 4th at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, August 3rd– Arrival in the afternoon for those who are traveling with an evening of Fratrenitas.

Saturday, August 4th– Full day of programming

Sunday, August 5th– Morning mass at the Casa; morning of reflection; lunch and departure.

Costs: Stay at the Casa for two nights; \$125. This includes 6 meals. For commuters; meals are :

Breakfast \$10.50

Lunch \$13.50

Dinner \$16.00

Hope you have contacted Julianne!

The Candidate Retreat is this Saturday, May 19th at St Theresa's Old Convent. 5045 E Thomas St. Mass at 8 AM...retreat to follow until about 3 PM.

The CIOFS is sending out cards to help us celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Rule (1978-2018). The CIOFS asks each of us, "Do you live this portion of the rule? How consistent are you?"

"The Glorious Virgin did not have a stain in her birth because she was sanctified in her mother's womb and safeguarded there by angels."

- St Anthony Quote

St. Anthony wrote the above statement more than six-hundred years before the Church proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

- St Anthony of Padua Quote



"The spirit of humility
is sweeter than honey,
and those who nourish
themselves with this
honey produce sweet
fruit."
- St Anthony "

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