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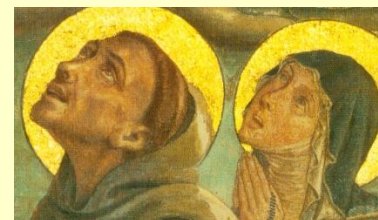
# Il Poverello

The newsletter of the SS Francis and Clare Fraternity  
of the Third Order of St. Francis

*O holy Father, protect those in Your name (John 17:11) whom You have given to me  
in the world; they were Yours and You have given them to me. (John 17:6)  
And the words which You gave to me I have given to them...*

St. Francis of Assisi

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## Something to Consider

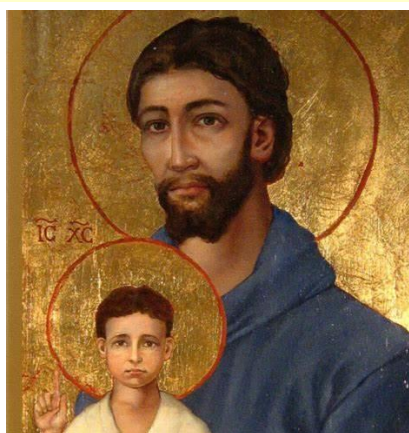
This month, we honor the fathers in our lives. Fathers are not only our male blood parent but are sometimes in the disguise of other faithful, decent men.

Besides the man who gave us life and who ideally offered us his presence and support from the day we were born, we Catholics also have Godfathers. Particularly in Hispanic culture, Godparents spiritually accompany their Godchildren all their lives and are present for all the big moments, starting with Baptism.

Our good pastors and parish priests are also the heads of our parish family, and function as our spiritual fathers. They bring us the holy Sacraments and the Mass. They listen to us and offer wise counsel in times of difficulty or momentous occasions such as marriage. And they teach us about our Faith and the Word of God.

There may be other men in our lives on whom we can depend for wisdom and support – who are always in our corner, and who will tell us the honest truth, whether we want to hear it or not, because it is for our own good.

God our Father, in His loving kindness, put these men in our paths to be His servants to others. And how good it is for us that He did! God bless all the good fathers in our lives, in whatever capacity they minister!



## Fraternity Council

Roberto Meza, TOF  
– Minister

Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM  
– Spiritual Director

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– Formation Director

Susan Kramer, TOF  
– Newsletter

**Next Gathering –  
Sunday, June 12 @ 1:30 PM  
St. Nicholas Byzantine Church  
1051 Robinson Ave.  
Barberton, OH 44203**

## Catholic Quote of the Month

***"Every family needs a father – a father who shares in his family's  
joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children,  
and offers them firm guidance and love."***

**Pope Francis – Vicar of Christ and  
Universal Head of the Catholic Church**



## Eucharistic Adoration



### Sunday

Betty DeMarco, TOF

### Monday

Rose Akins, TOF  
Louise Daniel, TOF  
Virgil Daniel, TOF  
Judith Hoyt, TOF

### Tuesday

Michael Butts, TOF  
Chris Devore, TOF  
LeeAnn Devore, TOF  
Eileen Dunlap, TOF  
Rick Dunlap, TOF  
Therese Harper, TOF  
Larry McNutt, TOF  
Lucy McNutt, TOF  
Maria Elena Meza, TOF  
Roberto Meza, TOF  
Carol Perrine, TOF  
Cindy Russo, TOF

### Wednesday

Mary Dye, TOF  
Bill Marshall, TOF  
Jim Miller, TOF

### Thursday

Joanne Angeletti, TOF

### Friday

Robert Burtscher, TOF  
Debbie Ventosa, TOF  
Pepe Ventosa, TOF

### Saturday

Susan Kramer, TOF

*The apostolate of daily Eucharistic Adoration is **VITAL** to our Fraternity. It does not depend only on the 25 brothers and sisters listed above and is not only limited to one day. If you wish to take a place on the Adoration list, please contact Susan Kramer. When you find yourself at church, say a prayer of adoration to our good Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*

## June Anniversaries and Birthdays

### Profession Anniversaries

Mike Butts, TOF – 18 Years

Louise & Virgil Daniel, TOF;  
Mary Dye, TOF;  
Therese Harper, TOF;  
Jim & Nettie Miller, TOF;  
Matt Poletti, TOF – 1 Year



### Birthdays

Elizabeth Francis, TOF –  
6/13  
Susan Kramer, TOF – 6/29

## Seminarian Recognition



Recently, Fr. Jared Orndorff, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls, recognized Joseph Rohan, who is one of the local seminarians we are spiritually supporting. Here's what Father wrote in the May 8, 2022 bulletin:

"Joseph Rohan, who is in his third year of Borromeo Seminary, and his family have been St. Joseph parishioners for 18 years, and he has been an altar server since 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Joe has also helped with various church "housekeeping" chores like decorating for different liturgical seasons and helping with sacristan duties.

Borromeo Seminary, the college seminary in the Diocese of Cleveland, is a community in which men discern their call and are formed for diocesan priesthood or religious life through the integration of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation."

We also spiritually support Arthur Bodenschatz of Canton and the Diocese of Youngstown, who is also studying at Borromeo Seminary, where the Youngstown seminarians are educated alongside those from the Cleveland Diocese.

We are privileged to pray daily for these young men, along with Frater Francis Tumaini of the Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania. We pray for their spiritual and physical health and protection, and we place them under the loving care of Jesus and Our Lady, who have a special love for priests and seminarians.



## Franciscan Tertiaries Retreat



Come and join other communities of lay Franciscans at the annual retreat of the Confraternity of Penitents

Speakers: Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF, Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM and lay Franciscans, including members of our community

Date: October 26-30, 2022

Place: St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington, IN

Cost- 2 options:

- \$225 per person or,

- \$200 plus \$25 worth of food and/or paper goods

\$50 deposit required to hold your place. Please RSVP soon.

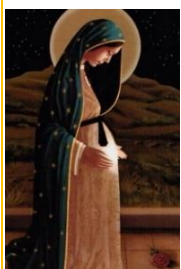
Only 60 rooms (single rooms) available.

For RSVP and to pay deposit please go to:

[www.franciscanthirdorderpenitents.com/retreats](http://www.franciscanthirdorderpenitents.com/retreats)



## Stand for Life



Bob Burtscher, TOF and Judith Hoyt, TOF are scheduled for the Stand for Life on June 18. The following are the guidelines to keep in mind: **Remember to use the residential parking around the corner, and not business parking or Acme's parking – you will be towed. It may be easier to pray without distractions across the street, rather than in front of the clinic. Also, be sure to always remain on the sidewalk. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, find a substitute. \*NEVER\* go alone to the clinic – pray from home if your partner will be absent and you cannot find a substitute.**

## Hospitality and Little Portion

Jim and Nettie Miller, TOF will provide our luncheon hospitality at our next Gathering on June 12. If you would like to assist, please contact them to see what is needed.



Nettie Miller, TOF will prepare the Little Portion, and Rose Akins, TOF, will deliver it. Thank you for your kindness!

The Little Portion Apostolate ministers to the homeless and street people of Canton and Akron by providing a simple meal of sandwiches, fruit, and anything individually wrapped for our brothers and sisters in Christ – usually at least 2 meals. You may also add small sized toiletries such as Purell, liquid soap, religious articles, disposable razors, etc. Tube socks are always very useful. Or you may want to deliver the offering. If you are interested, please see Mary Dye, TOF.

*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*

## Novices Have Been Accepted for Profession

Denise Williams and Jesse Kuhn, who have studied hard for the last two years, have been accepted by Council for Profession into the Third Order Franciscans. Denise, who is a member of St. Augustine Parish in Barberton, and Jesse, who is a member of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Coventry, are nearing the end of their novitiate. Please remember to pray for them as they enter the final phase of their formation. Profession will take place later this year at a date to be announced!

**(Roberto Meza, TOF, Pepe Ventosa, TOF, Denise Williams, Jim Miller, TOF, Jesse Kuhn, Mary Dye, TOF – and Debbie Ventosa, TOF who is pictured on Mary's iPhone!)**





# Annual Franciscan Hike - 2022

Come and join your fellow Franciscans for a morning of hiking, prayer, ongoing formation, food and fellowship!

**When:** Monday September 5, 2022

**Where:** Ledges Trailhead at Cuyahoga Valley National Park  
405 Kendall Park Rd, Peninsula, OH

**Itinerary:**

9:00 am: meet at the parking lot

9:15 am: hiking starts

11:30 am: lunch

**What to bring:** water bottle, sturdy shoes for hiking, bug spray. Hiking stick optional but helpful. Also optional, small mat to sit on the ground.

**Note:** The trail is 1.8 miles long with some steep areas. We will only hike a shorter and easier section of the trail. There are some areas with tree roots exposed and steps. It is considered an "easy" hike.

**Directions:** take 8 north. Take exit #10 and make a left on Seasons Rd. Go  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and turn right Wyoga Lake Rd and then a quick right on State Rd (Akron Cleveland Rd). At the next light make a left on Kendall Park Rd (1.2 miles). Entrance to the Ledges is about 1 mile on the right side.

\*\*\*Important\*\*\* Please RSVP to Pepe



## Eucharistic Adoration and Daily Prayer

Council asks those of us who participate in Eucharistic Adoration – and the rest of our fraternity – to remember the following intentions every day when you pray:

1. The spiritual protection of our fraternity and of all our members.
2. Those in our fraternity who are sick, and their families.
3. **Pope Francis** and his intentions.
4. Our bishops: **Bishop David Bonnar** of the Diocese of Youngstown, **Bishop Milan Lach, SJ** of the Eparchy of Parma, and **Bishop Edward Malesic, JCL** of the Diocese of Cleveland.
5. The Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province of the OFM, particularly **Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM**, **Fr. Dennis Arambasick, OFM**, and **Fr. Robert Campagna, OFM**, who is the Provincial Minister.
6. Our beloved pastors and parish priests, and our parishes, including **Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec**, who hosts our fraternity every month. We also pray for **Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF**, an Isolated Tertiary who is the pastor of St. George Byzantine Parish in Olympia, Washington, as well as a professor at SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary. And **Fr. Ryan Furlong, TOF** of the Padre Pio Fraternity.
7. **Fr. Gastor Temu Bahati**, a priest of the Diocese of Moshi, whom we have spiritually supported for several years.
8. **Frater Francis Tumaini** of the Diocese of Moshi, who is the seminarian we have adopted.
9. All the seminarians of St. Mary Seminary and Borromeo Seminary in Cleveland, which serves the Youngstown and Cleveland Dioceses, as well as the seminarians of SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, which serves the Eparchy of Parma. Our fraternity has spiritually adopted a seminarian from Stark County (**Arthur**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Rejoice always,

**PRAY  
WITHOUT  
CEASING,**

in everything  
give thanks;  
for this is the  
will of God  
in Christ Jesus  
for you.

**Bodenschatz**, Christ the Servant Parish in Canton), from Summit County (**Joseph Rohan**, St. Joseph Parish in Cuyahoga Falls), and from Capuchin Formation (**Christopher Klobuchir**).

10. Finally, you may want to add prayers for the safety and protection of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, and for the conversion of Russia as Pope Francis has done in his Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25.

That's a lot! But it is part of our holy Franciscan vocation to prayerfully support our fellow Franciscans, the Pope, our bishops, our priests, and seminarians and anyone in distress and danger. We have no Order without faithful Franciscans, no priests without our seminarians, no Eucharist without our priests, and no Church without the Eucharist. All these individuals on the list sacrifice daily for us, and the very least we can do is to pray for them!



Monthly posts from our Community of Franciscan Tertiaries.  
Watch your email for these...!



Submitted by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

### ***Lord, It Is Good for Us to Be Together!***

Our May Gathering was held Sunday, May 15 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Parish. We had 24 in attendance, including Fr. Vit, Fred Kramer, and Julie Tornicheo, who was visiting and is a member of St. Nicholas Parish – welcome!

Minister Roberto Meza, TOF led us in the opening ritual prayer, and then we proceeded to the Liturgy of the Hours, which was led by Kenny Green, TOF, Debbie Ventosa, TOF, and Bill Marshall, TOF. Virgil Daniel, TOF led us in Lectio Divina, and read the Gospel of the day from St. John (love one another).

Pepe Ventosa, TOF led us in the annual Renewal of Profession and prayer.

Roberto prayed the Grace, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Mary Dye, TOF, Betty DeMarco, TOF, and Maria Elena Meza, TOF – thank you, sisters!!!

Little Flower Parish in Middlebranch was selected for the Food Pantry donation. Roberto and Maria Elena will deliver the food supplies from the fraternity.

Mary Dye, TOF taught Ongoing Formation. Her subject was Article 43, Christian Perfection According to the Franciscan Spirit. The facets she explored were:



1. The practice of spiritual charity and practical charity.
2. Visiting the sick.
3. Fulfilling our duties in accord with our state in life.
4. Instructing the ignorant (even when it is not the politically correct thing to do).
5. How do we serve Jesus with the gifts He gives us?



Roberto reported that there were 6 members from our fraternity in attendance at the funeral of Richard Russelo, TOF in Steubenville. Rose Akins, TOF, Bill Marshall, TOF, Joanne Angeletti, TOF, Kenny Green, TOF, Carol Perrine, TOF, and Roberto Meza, TOF all drove down to witness to Richard's Franciscan vocation and to honor his memory. They participated in the Franciscan wake service and attended the funeral Mass and luncheon following. Richard's wife, Judy, was very appreciative of the moral and prayer support during this difficult time.

Roberto gave us the Infirmarian Report on behalf of Maria Elena. He shared that Jennifer Kerns, TOF is still fighting health challenges and appreciates our prayer support. Bob Burtscher, TOF spoke to Elizabeth Francis, TOF and says she is doing well. She is attending Mass and resumed her volunteer activities. And she is very happy that her beloved brother is staying with her. No recent word from Pat and Deanna Hurley, OFS, but we continue to pray for their health. Sandy Pollino, OFS is patiently enduring continuing health problems. And Maria Elena Meza, TOF is coping with ongoing sciatica.

Bill Marshall, TOF and Bob Burtscher, TOF gave the April Stand for Life report. There was not a large crowd at the abortion clinic that day. They now have young men acting as escorts. There was no one assigned in May for the Stand for Life because it conflicted with the pilgrimage, although those who could not attend the pilgrimage were invited to pray at the clinic with a partner,

Novice Denise Williams prepared the Little Portion, and Bob Burtscher, TOF delivered it.

There will be a Come and See soon, possibly in August. We are asked to think about potential Franciscans to invite. Betty DeMarco, TOF suggested an announcement on WILB Catholic radio. Virgil Daniel, TOF asked for brochures that could be distributed at parishes (with the pastor's permission). Pepe Ventosa, TOF mentioned parish bulletin announcements as well.

***The June Gathering will be June 12, which is a week early due to Father's Day being June 19.***

Father Vit then offered his formation talk.

1. Is it difficult to be a saint? No, but you must \*want\* it. Reorganize your entire life to serve and love God.
2. Follow the Rule. It is simple and faithful to the teaching of the Church.
3. Desire holiness. Conform to God's Will.
4. Become close to God and the humanity of Jesus through the Sacraments, Mass, and devotion to Our Lady.
5. Divine inspiration and demonic inspiration come to the same door. It is up to us to discern.
6. Be steadfast and disciplined in prayer. Do everything for the Glory of God. Think of prayer as spiritual hygiene.
7. Indulge in spiritual study and reading,

We then prayed for the intercessions of our members:

1. Healing in our families, and for our members and their families (Jennifer Kerns, TOF, Sandy Pollino, OFS, Dorothy Takacs, OFS, Pat and Deanna Hurley, OFS, Tim Williams).
2. Intentions in the prayer journal.
3. Our country, that it stays free of sin and immorality, including the end of abortion.
4. The blessing of the Holy Spirit on our fraternity and those in discernment.
5. Pope Francis and the magisterium.
6. Those affected by the Ukraine War.
7. Fr. Robert Campagna, OFM, Bishop Bonnar of Youngstown, Bishop Malesic of Cleveland, Bishop Lach, SJ of the Eparchy of Parma, Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec, Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF, Fr. Ryan Furlong, TOF, Fr. Dennis Arambasick, OFM, Fr. Gastor Bahati, and all our pastors and parish priests.
8. Seminarians Frater Francis Tumaini of the Diocese of Moshi, Joseph Rohan of the Diocese of Cleveland, Arthur Bodenschatz of the Diocese of Youngstown, and all the seminarians of Borromeo/St. Mary Seminaries and Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary.

Roberto led us in the closing Ritual Prayer, and Fr. Vit offered his blessing. And Roberto reminded us of our next Gathering, which will be June 12, 2022 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Church.

### ***Save the Date (June, the Month of the Sacred Heart)***

June 12	June Gathering (St. Nicholas Byzantine Church, 1:30 PM)
August	Annual Fraternity Picnic (Details TBA)
September 5	Annual Franciscan Hike at Cuyahoga Valley National Park ( <i>details upcoming!</i> )

