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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

The Catholic Church in the United States has begun the Eucharistic Revival. According to the National Eucharistic Revival website, "The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States."

Most of us can attend Mass and receive Communion daily if we are able and if we are in a state of grace.

That last phrase, "a state of grace", is a good place to start if we want to be part of the Eucharistic Revival. That means being free of mortal sin, and ideally going to Confession on a regular basis. Sadly, these days some otherwise observant Catholics have avoided Confession for years.

As Catholics and Franciscans, it is important to remember what the Church expects of us in this regard. Most, probably all of us, remember our duty to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation, which is required. More frequent Mass attendance is a blessing. Going to Confession, though, makes us more aware of our sins and our desire to avoid the near occasion of sin, and it is absolutely necessary for our sanctification and provides a treasure of graces.

The Church only requires us to Confess at Christmas and Easter. But wouldn't it be easier for us to do it more often, perhaps monthly? Not only would it be easier for us to remember our failings, but we would become more confident in turning to God for forgiveness. Chapter 2 of the Rule, Article 5 refers to us receiving the Sacrament of Penance monthly at least.

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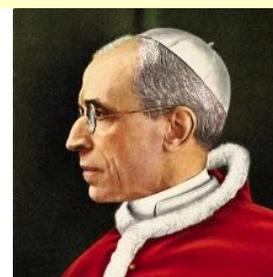
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– Formation Director
Susan Kramer, TOF
– Newsletter

**Annual Fraternity Picnic –
Sunday, August 21 @ 1:30 PM
Queen of Heaven Parish
1800 Steese Rd.
Uniontown, Ohio**

Franciscan Quote of the Month

***"The faith of the Church is this: That one and identical is the Word of God and
the Son of Mary, Who suffered on the Cross, Who is present in the Eucharist,
and Who rules in Heaven."***

**Venerable Pope Pius XII (1876-1958) – Pope, Vatican Diplomat, Humanitarian,
Definer of the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary, Defender of the Persecuted,
Defender of the Church against Communism, Third Order Franciscan**



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
Denise Williams

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 26 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.*

August Anniversaries and Birthdays

Profession Anniversaries

Bob Burtscher, TOF – 26 Years
Carol Perrine, TOF – 25 Years



Birthdays

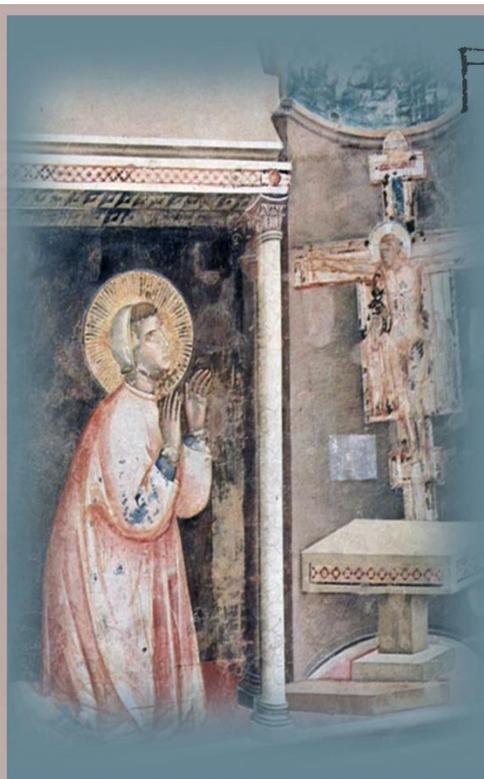
Debbie Ventosa, TOF – 8/6
Jim Miller, TOF – 8/15

Stand for Life



Therese Harper, TOF and Rose Akins, TOF are scheduled for the Stand for Life on August 20. 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. Another option is 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.**

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

****If you wish to attend but cannot afford the fee, please contact Therese Harper, TOF or anyone on Council – Council has a fund to assist for this.***

Hospitality and Little Portion

Since our annual picnic will take the place of our monthly Gathering, we will follow our usual picnic plans. The fraternity will pay for chicken and drinks. Mary Dye sent out an email for food sign up. We will make a Little Portion from our picnic feast and ask for a volunteer to deliver.



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

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.

Stark County Fair – TOF Representation

Once again, we will be staffing the Right to Life booth at the Stark County Fair over Labor Day weekend, which is nearing. Roberto Meza will provide details and will ask for volunteers to fill four-hour blocks at the Fair, from 10 AM to 2 PM, 2 PM to 6 PM, and 6 PM to 10 PM. We hope to be a reflection of the love and truth found in Jesus Christ in the face of confusion regarding the issue of abortion. Please contact Roberto if you can represent our fraternity and stand up for the teaching of the Church!

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

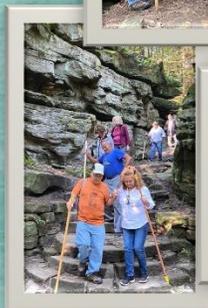
11:30 am: lunch

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 ¾ 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



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



Submitted by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

*** The first Friday of every month, these messages will contain Formation reinforcement and interesting information on the Order. If you did not receive your Mat Post in your email, please contact Pepe Ventosa, TOF to be sure you receive it in future!**



We are having a picnic and want
you to come!

SS. Francis and Clare
Fraternity
3rd Annual



Date: Sunday August 21, 2022
Place: Queen of Heaven Parish
1800 Steese Road,
Uniontown, OH
Time: 1:30pm

Please respond to the email from Mary Dye, TOF for food sign-ups!

St. Padre Pio (Youngstown) Fraternity Picnic

Pat Cuttica, TOF has graciously invited our fraternity to their annual picnic. It will be held August 13 at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted in Youngstown. The day will begin with Mass at Noon. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Mary Dye, TOF if you plan to attend!

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. **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

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.

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 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. Our beloved and hard-working parish priests and our parishes.
11. 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 appreciate the benefit of our prayers, and the very least we can do is to pray for them!

Lord, It Is Good for Us to Be Together!

Our July Gathering was held Sunday, July 17 at St. Nicholas Byzantine Parish. We had 26 in attendance, including Fred Kramer, Annie Butts, Fr. Vit, and a visitor, John Gough, OFS.

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. Luke (the story of Martha and Mary).

Roberto prayed the Grace, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Mary Dye, TOF and Therese Harper, TOF, assisted by Joanne Angeletti, TOF – thank you!!! The September hospitality will be prepared by Virgil and Louise Daniel, TOF and Chris and LeeAnn Devore, TOF. The October hospitality will be prepared by Fred and Susan Kramer, TOF.

Pepe Ventosa, TOF gave us an update on the MAPS emails, which started the first Friday of July. Please let Pepe know if you did not receive the July issue. He expects to distribute the August email and future emails the first Friday of each month.

Debbie Ventosa, TOF reported that she and the Formation Team have planned a Come and See for Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30 PM at St. Nicholas. Please let Mary Dye, TOF or Debbie know if you want to publicize the event in your parish bulletin, or if you want to borrow the new banner for an informational table at your parish. Please ask your pastor for permission for either. Pepe has a message prepared for us to use in our bulletins.



Virgil Daniel, TOF then led us in Ongoing Formation, continuing with Article 44 of the Constitution.

1. The first principle is (Articles 39, 41 and 44): *while still being a creature living in the world (aka Genesis 1), becoming, through Baptism and Profession, a person who is no longer of this world.*
2. Thus, one must put into practice before all else (Article 40) *the commandments to "Love the Lord thy God..." and to "Love thy neighbor..."*
3. One must also (Article 41) *follow Christ's Gospel as one's own Rule of Life.*
4. Especially by (Article 42) *regarding all others as children of God, as brothers and sisters of Christ.*
5. One must strive so as (Article 43) *not to live for one's own self, but to make every effort to be of service to others, spreading Christ's kingdom by word and work.*
6. While in humility and joy (Article 44) *giving reverence, service, and loyalty to God through ow one uses the goods of this world.*
7. One must regard as Outstanding Gifts of God (Article 44)

- a. The benefits of Creation
- b. The benefits of the Incarnation
- c. The benefits of Redemption

Roberto Meza, TOF gave us the Infirmarian Report in the place of Maria Elena Meza, TOF. Jennifer Kerns, TOF can receive emails. Please continue to pray for her as she faces continuing health challenges. Sandy Pollino, OFS is suffering with cancer. Her sister-in-law also has a heart problem. Dorothy Takacs, OFS is cheerful but in need of prayer as daily life becomes more difficult. Larry and Lucy McNutt, TOF hope to be able to attend the picnic in August. Rick and Eileen Dunlap, TOF have recovered from Covid, thankfully. They are still caring for Gertie, Eileen's mother, who is also in need of prayer. Elizabeth Francis, TOF is in good spirits. She hopes to be able to attend the picnic. Pat and Deanna Hurley, OFS report that Pat is undergoing chemotherapy. They are staying home in isolation.

Debbie Ventosa, TOF reported there will be a pre-Profession retreat for the novices on September 17 at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted. Please pray for Jesse Kuhn and Denise Williams as they prepare for their Profession.

Roberto Meza, TOF announced that Virgil and Louise Daniel, TOF, Mike Butts, TOF, Joanne Angeletti, TOF, Carol Perrine, TOF and Debbie and Pepe Ventosa, TOF plan to attend the retreat with the Confraternity of Penitents in Huntington, Indiana. Please consider attending. Carpooling and fee assistance is available – contact Council. More information on the retreat is in this issue of the newsletter.

Cindy Russo, TOF announced that the Padre Pio Prayer Group is planning a pilgrimage to EWTN. Please see Cindy if you are interested in attending!

The members scheduled to Stand for Life were unable to attend in July. Therese Harper, TOF and Rose Akins, TOF are scheduled to represent the fraternity at the abortion clinic in August.

Mary Dye, TOF prepared the Little Portion and Bill Marshall, TOF delivered it to the street people of downtown Akron.

We then prayed for the intentions contained in the prayer request book, and the following:

1. Friends and family of the fraternity;
2. Jennifer Kerns, TOF and Sheila Burtscher, for their health and protection;
3. For the United States, in repentance for the murder of the unborn;
4. For God to bless the fraternity with the gifts of the Holy Spirit;
5. For the discernment of the Holy Spirit to be granted to our members;
6. For Pope Francis's health and protection, and continued faithfulness;
7. For public officials to serve the people ethically;
8. For the victims of the Ukraine War;
9. For the OFM priests, including Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM and Fr. Dennis Arambasick, OFM, our local bishops (Their Excellencies Bishop David Bonnar of Youngstown, Bishop Edward Malesic, JCL of Cleveland, and Bishop Milan Lach, SJ), and our parish priests;
10. For Fr. Gastor Bahati, Fr. Ryan Furlong, TOF, and Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF;
11. For Frater Francis Tumaini of the Diocese of Moshi, and Joseph Rohan, Arthur Bodenschatz, and Christopher Klobuchir of Borromeo Seminary in Cleveland.



We then recited the St. Michael Prayer.

Roberto Meza, TOF reminded us that our annual picnic will take the place of our August Gathering. We will meet at Queen of Heaven Parish in Green on August 21 at 1:30, at the parish pavilion. We thank Fr. Dave Durkee and the parish for their generous hospitality. The Council will arrange for chicken and drinks. Please respond to the email from Mary Dye, TOF for food sign-ups.

Fr. Vit then spoke on Modernism as his Formation subject.

1. St. Pius X condemned modernism during his papacy at the beginning of the 1900s.
2. Modernism grew in the 1960s. People turned to science and psychology to improve the Church rather than turning to God.
3. Some wanted the Church to fit in better with the secular world. They manipulated the Faith to permit modern ideas.
4. The Freemasons are guilty of this. They put doubt in the Truth and support anti-Catholic groups.
5. Theology is a deeper understanding of Divine Revelation, which consists of:
 - a. Scripture
 - b. Catechism
 - c. Canon Law
 - d. Liturgy
6. St. Bonaventure is considered the second founder of Franciscanism.
 - a. He established order and firm, sound spirituality.
 - b. The theology of light is positivity.
 - c. The theology of darkness promotes what God is not – that He is incomprehensible.
 - d. Truth comes from Divine Revelation.
 - e. The way to God is through love of Him.
 - f. Spend time in prayer and silence. Be close to God.
7. Liberalism wants to create new beliefs.
 - a. They contend tradition is the enemy of the Church.
 - b. They overlook and are lenient to current immorality (i.e., the “woke” agenda, etc.)
 - c. They keep God a mystery and unattainable.
8. Liturgy is the language and communication of God.

Blessed Trinity Parish in North Hill, Akron was selected for the food pantry collection. Judith Hoyt, TOF will deliver.

We then prayed the Closing Prayer, led by Father Vit, who gave us his blessing. Roberto Meza, TOF concluded the meeting, and reminded us that our next Gathering will be our annual fraternity picnic at Queen of Heaven Parish on August 21.

Save the Date (August, the Month of the Blessed Sacrament)

August 21	Annual Fraternity Picnic (See posting above)
August 23	Come and See (St. Nicholas, 6:30 PM)
September 5	Annual Franciscan Hike at Cuyahoga Valley National Park <i>(details upcoming!)</i>
October 26-30	Franciscan Tertiaries Retreat, Huntington, Indiana
November 12	Day of Recollection and Holy Profession, Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

By looking at Mary's Assumption into Heaven we understand better that even though our daily life may be marked by trials and difficulties, it flows like a river to the divine ocean, to the fullness of joy and peace. We understand that our death is not the end but rather the entrance into life that knows no death. Our setting on the horizon of this world is our rising at the dawn of the new world, the dawn of the eternal day.

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger)
Priest, Bishop, Cardinal, Pope,
Theologian, Scholar, Author, Musician, Educator**

