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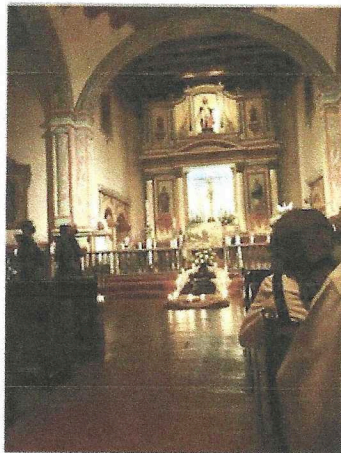
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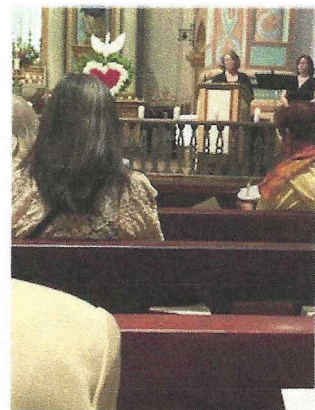
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Feast Day October 4th



October 3rd is the vigil of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi and bears the name....”His Transitus.” The Transitus word is from the Latin, meaning “passage,” or crossing over. This is the moment when St. Francis meets His God.

The picture on the left is last years Transitus at San Luis Rey Mission old Church. San Luis Rey Mission celebrates this Feast each year with the many Franciscan Priests and Monks who live at the Mission. The Secular Franciscans are always there to help during this ceremony and with the reception afterwards where everyone gathers for cookies, cake, and coffee.

The picture on the right shows Judith Inglesby sitting in the pew in the front seat with the orange scarf. It is always a beautiful ceremony. The San Luis Rey Mission is a very special place and is the largest Franciscan Mission in California. Let us remember St. Francis, during Transitus, and sing His Canticle of the Sun and the other creatures of the Lord. God Bless.



Sandy Baden, TOF

FR. DANIEL DOZIER, TOF
St. George Byzantine Catholic Church

Fr. Daniel Dozier, TOF was our first Isolated Tertiary from the state of Washington. Fr. Dozier was dubbed a Knight of the Patriarchal Order of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem and made a Chaplain of the Order. Congratulations Fr. Dozier.



(Fr. Dozier is pictured on the left)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Feast Day: October 7th



Article 69 states: Tertiaries shall love the most Blessed Virgin Mother of Jesus with a tender and filial affection, and honor her as Queen and Patron of the Order with special devotion and reverence.

St. Francis of Assisi had a great love and devotion to the Blessed Mother as St. Padre Pio, but there is no indication that St. Francis prayed the Rosary as we know it today. It was in the year 1214 that the Church received the Rosary in its present form. However, the words “Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death,” was added to the Hail Mary as a result of the Black Plague. The most fatal pandemic recorded in human history had peaked in Europe from 1347 to 1351. The practice of the Rosary was prayed reciting fifty or one hundred and fifty “Ave Marias” before the time of St. Francis.

Mary, the “Mother of God,” has 117 different titles given to her. When our Lady appeared at Fatima, amongst the many pilgrims who witnessed the apparition in 1917, she stated, “I am the Lady of the Rosary.” A Feast we celebrate on October 7th. Mary continued to proclaim, “Say the Rosary every day...pray, pray often and offer sacrifices for sinners...I am the Lady of the Rosary...in the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” In a vision to St. Dominic, 1206, the Blessed Mother told him to use the Rosary as a means of overcoming heresy, as a “weapon against evil.” Our Lady also told the children, at Fatima, Lucia and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinto, “to pray the Rosary frequently and with devotion to bring the world back to God and lasting peace could be achieved.”

Our Blessed Mother proclaims, “I am the Lady of the Rosary.” What is Mary saying to us as she always leads us to her son, Jesus? I am the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ in His life, death and resurrection. In this beautiful statement she gives us herself as our Mother, Queen of heaven and earth, as her son had crowned her. The Rosary tells us everything of Jesus’ time on earth and resurrection into heaven, and now our Lord sits at the right hand of the Father. The eloquence of this gift teaches us how to pray and contemplate the life of Jesus as we meditate on the four mysteries of our Lord’s life. What a remarkable way to teach us to pray, as we pray the Apostles Creed, the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be....and at the same time contemplate our Lord’s life, passion, death, and Resurrection into everlasting life in His glorified body.

The Rosary's words are found in the bible, Hail Mary full of Grace the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women (Luke 1:28), and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, (Luke: 41), Holy Mary Mother of God, which has been determined because Mary is the mother of God, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and lastly "Pray for us now sinners now and at the hour of our death, the Black Plaque. In addition, each mystery, which we contemplate consisting of Our Father and ten Hail Mary's, is found in the Bible.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38), The Visitation (Lk 1:40-50), The Nativity (Lk 2:6-20), and The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2: 41-51). THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES: The The Agony in the Garden (Mt. 26: 36-46), The Crowning with Thorns (Mt: 27:29), The Carrying of the Cross (Jn. 19: 17), and The Crucifixion (Lk 23: 33-46), THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: given to us by St. Pope John Paul II in 2002, The Baptism of Jesus (Mt. 3: 13-17), The Wedding at Cana (Jn 2: 1-12), The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mk. 1: 14-15,) The Transfiguration (Mt. 17: 1-19), and The Institution of the Holy Eucharist (Mk 14: 22-24). THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES: The Resurrection of our Lord (Lk 24: 1-12, The Ascension of our Lord into Heaven (Lk 24: 50-51), The Decent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles (Acts 2:1-4), The Assumption of Mary into Heaven (Rev. 12) and Mary's Coronation (Rev. 12: 1).

All these facts we are familiar with but does not hurt to remind us of the beauty of the Rosary as we pray today. The word Rosary is taken from the Latin word Rosarium, which means Crown of Roses or Garland of Roses. There is one interesting note in research for this article that sheds some light into the spirituality of St. Francis and his love of our Blessed Mother and that he may have recited the Ave Maria in his prayers. During St. Dominics second visit to Rome in 1216, he met St. Francis while they both were trying to establish their orders when Pope Gregory IX was a Cardinal at the time. Both St. Francis and St. Dominic had developed a close relationship after that meeting.

The tradition that the Blessed Mother had first revealed the Rosary devotion to St. Dominic is supported by 13 popes. Pope Clement VIII declared St. Dominic had established the Confraternity of the Rosary in the Church of St. Sixtus in Rome. It is believed that St. Dominic organized the Rosary as we know it today. St. Dominic was born 1170 and died 1221.

The only way to end this article would be to pray:

Sandy T. Baden, TOF

HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE,
BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS
THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS. HOLY MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW AND AT THE HOUR
OF OUR DEATH. AMEN.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND
EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.



“What wonderful majesty! What stupendous
condescension! O sublime humility! That
the Lord of the whole universe, God and the
Son of God, should humble Himself like this
under the form of a little bread, for our
salvation.”

St. Francis of Assisi

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ISOLATED TERTIARIES SCHEDULE

MONDAY:	JUDITH INGLESBY, TOF
TUESDAY:	LINDA MENSER, TOF
WEDNESDAY:	LUIS GUZMAN, TOF JUDITH INGLESBY, TOF PAUL AND MARY TAG, TOF
THURSDAY:	SANDY BADEN, TOF
FRIDAY:	LINDA MENSER, TOF PEPE VENTOSA, TOF
SATURDAY:	ERICKA WITOVER, TOF MIGUEL MAHAN, TOF
SUNDAY:	LINDA MENSER, TOF

Please include prayer for the intentions of our Pope, bishops and priests.
Also pray for the Community of Friars of the Immaculate Conception province for an
increase in religious vocations in the Community and for all intentions of the members
of the Isolated Tertiaries Community.

(Please contact Pepe Ventosa, TOF, if you would like to participate in Eucharistic Adoration.) 5

REMINDERS AND INFORMATION
Submitted by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

MAT POSTS:

By now all members of the Community of Franciscan Tertiaries of the Province of the Immaculate Conception should be receiving “Mat Posts” by Email. The Mat Posts are a monthly tool sent to all our members with the purpose of assisting us as we strive for Christian Perfection, the purpose of our Order.

In the Mat Posts you will find information to increase one’s life in prayer, devotion to our Blessed Mother, highlights from Pope Leo the XIII, the Saints, and other aids for our spiritual life.

If you are not receiving the “Mat Posts,” please send an email to Pepe Ventosa, TOF, at tof@thirdorderfranciscans.com. They will also be posted on our website www@thirdorderfranciscans.com.

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THE TROUBADOUR:

The Troubadour is a Newsletter from the Franciscan Tertiaries of the Providence of the Immaculate Conception. The Newsletter is sent via Email and is also on our website. This Newsletter is quarterly and is for all Tertiaries including Isolated Tertiaries. It is full of information and articles. Please keep a lookout each quarter for this Newsletter.

God Bless.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Submitted by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

Our annual Day of Recollection will take place on November 12, 2022, at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted in Youngstown, OH. The topic this year will be “Answering your Questions on Spiritual Life.” We will have a question and answer format with Fr. Vit to answer all those questions that you may come up with on “Spiritual Life.”

We are currently collecting questions to present to Fr. Vit. If you have questions, please email them to Pepe Ventosa, TOF. The questions will be selected from those received.

See flyer for more information. We are hoping to have the sessions recorded to be viewed in our YouTube channel.

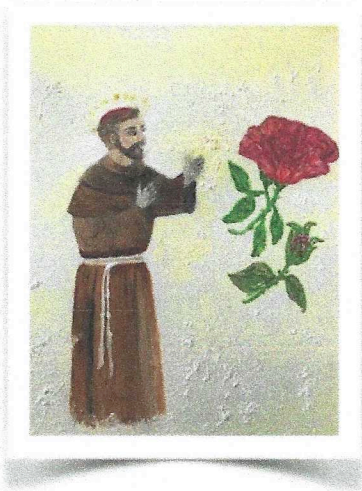
LOVED BY THE LORD

“FULL OF GRACE—GRATIO PLENA, “WHICH IN THE ORIGINAL GREEK IS “BELOVED” OF GOD (CF. LK 1:28)...IT IS A TITLE EXPRESSED IN PASSIVE FORM, BUT THIS “PASSIVITY” OF MARY, WHO HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND IS FOR EVER “LOVED” BY THE LORD, IMPLIES HER FREE CONSENT, HER PERSONAL AND ORIGINAL RESPONSE.

IN BE LOVED, IN RECEIVING THE GIFT OF GOD, MARY IS FULLY ACTIVE, BECAUSE SHE ACCEPTS WITH PERSONAL GENEROSITY THE WAVE OF GOD’S LOVE Poured OUT UPON HER. IN THIS TOO, SHE IS THE PERFECT DISCIPLE OF HER SON, WHO REALIZED THE FULLNESS OF HIS FREEDOM AND THUS EXERCISES THE FREEDOM THROUGH OBEDIENCE TO THE FATHER.”

Pope Benedict XVI, Marian Thoughts, Homily, December 18, 2005

ADMONITION XIII PATIENCE



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God” (Mt. 5:9). We can never tell how patient or humble a person (=servant of God) is when everything is going well with him. But when those who should co-operate with him do the exact opposite, then we can tell. A man has much patience and humility as he has then and no more.”

There are several statements in this Admonition that stand out and are mentioned several times throughout this chapter. First, within the Admonition above, **‘We can tell how patient or humble a person (=servant of God) is when everything is going well with him.’** This is so true and there may be times we see this in ourselves and can easily forget to trust in our Lord with **patience** and wait for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We forget to rely on God’s will for us and not our own.

Second, two statements that are basically related to each other...**Patience** and endurance. **‘In your patience you will possess your souls,’** and **‘By your endurance you will gain your lives.’** What are we talking about in these statements? We must be humble servants of God in our **patience** as the example we can gain from Our Blessed Mother as she exemplifies the act of keeping those things in her heart. As a humble servant of God, Mary lived her life in **patience** and love of her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Mary being the perfect example, where does that leave us in our effort to obtain perfection in our journey as Franciscans? **Patience** in the will of God!

God created us in His image, but we are so different from each other. Our souls are His to mold as He wishes, only if we allow Him, by the choice of will He gives us. God is so awesome in His love for us we only have to surrender and let our Lord Jesus Christ show us the way. **Patience** and endurance in this journey of life will save our souls. How do we accomplish this in our chaotic world we live in today?

Imagine Christ outside of time watching us as we are in time. “Baffling” is the word that comes to mind. The only visual that might help is to envision floating above a football field. The beginning of time is starting at the goal line working its way up the field. As God watches, He sees time pass in our world, but God sees everything all at once. He sees every road we may take and where it will lead us, good or bad. How it must sadden Him when He sees the wrong road taken. So, what does this have to do **patience** in this Admonition?

This deviation came to mind when we think of God’s will for us and how we endure consequences in our choices in life. If we practice more **patience** and slow the down pace of our lives we could see the benefit of God’s grace working within us. As Lothar Hardick, O.F.M. reiterates, “**Patience** is the strength by which man is able to go forward resolutely towards the kingdom of God and by which he can without hesitation accept everything that seems to be opposed in this transient world to those who serve God.”

This sentence by Lothar Hardick, O.F.M. states almost everything you would want to know about **patience** and seems to be a summary of Admonition XIII. How could it be explained any better? Go no further except to pray for **patience** and endurance, and rely on our Lord Jesus Christ and His loving and merciful Mother, The Blessed Virgin Mary.

ONE EXAMPLE

The Virgin is the one who continues to listen, always ready to do the Lord’s will; she is an example for the believer who lives in search of God.

**Angelus, December 4, 2005 “Marian Thoughts”
Pope Benedict XVI**

MIGUEL MAHAN, TOF


My name is Miguel Mahan and I live with my wife, Hope, in East Moline, Illinois. Currently, I am a high school teacher and a budding author. I was Professed as an OFS, (Order of Secular Franciscans), and formally withdrew from the Order on October 10, 2021.

Like you, I was drawn by the grace of God to live as the Tertiaries had lived for centuries. Through prayer, discernment, and spiritual direction, I realized the call to live an ancient Rule as St. Francis gave to his first penitents, The Rule of Pope Leo XIII, 1883. Many circumstances happened at the right time throughout my Franciscan journey which has lead me where I am today. The celebration of my Investiture was September 10, 2022 into the OFM Province of the Immaculate Conception as an Isolated Tertiary. I am thankful to our Lord and Our Lady for bringing me to find my home in this Franciscan family!

Pax et Bonum!

Miguel

Save the Date



Answering Your Questions
on Spiritual Life
With
Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM

Day of Recollection
Franciscan Tertiaries of the Province of the Immaculate Conception

When: November 12, 2022
Place: Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted
Youngstown, OH

Speaker: Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM
Time: 9:00 AM Opening Mass

OCTOBER 6: IT Zoom Gathering 6:45 PM Eastern Time, Judith Inglesby, TOF, Facilitator, Presentation on Christian Spirituality, Articles: 39-44., Virgil Danial, TOF

OCTOBER 3-4: October 3rd, Transitus of St. Francis and on October 4th we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis.

OCTOBER 7: Our Lady of the Rosary