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## Keeping the Faith

We are now in the Ordinary Time portion of the Church Liturgical Year, having gotten through the Octave of Easter and the Feast of Pentecost (*where did the time go?!*) But Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary!

Following the timeline of the Church, Ordinary Time Gospels detail not only the ministry of Jesus with his Apostles and His teachings and the miracles he performed, but it also records the journey of Apostles after the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the followers of Jesus.

Could we, or would we, have done as the holy Apostles did when they brought the Gospel and teachings of Jesus to the world?

The Apostles – the first Christians – were greatly outnumbered by Jews and non-believers in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Europe. Not only that, but the area now known as Israel was also under the domination of Rome and occupied by very unfriendly, crude soldiers – as were the surrounding territories of that region. The Romans persecuted them, and so did the Greeks – both worshipped pagan gods. And the Jewish authorities also did not welcome the new teachings of Jesus, which prompted them to insist the Romans to crucify Him.

Each of the Apostles was beaten, tortured, and imprisoned. Only St. John, under whose protection Jesus had entrusted His beloved mother, escaped a gruesome and shameful death, although he suffered through the rest with the pains of persecution along with the rest of the Apostles.

No matter what trouble and danger they encountered, they never stopped preaching and promoting Jesus and His Church. They never became rich and comfortable. They picked themselves up and carried on, confident in Jesus and His mission.

We do the same thing every time we, “Preach the Gospel and use words if necessary”. We Franciscans live our lives as God asks, to the full extent we are able in our place in life. We may sometimes think it is not much, but our example affects others positively when we follow the teachings of Jesus and His Church. Even by doing something as simple as wearing our Taus and cheerfully carrying on when life is difficult!

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## Catholic Quote for Summer, 2024

**“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends us day after day.”**

**St. Gianna Molla (1922-1962) Feast Day – April 28**  
**Doctor, Wife, Mother, Defender of the Unborn**



## A New Saint for the Church!

Recently, the Vatican announced that a second miracle by the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis has been confirmed, which will clear the way for his canonization in the next year or so!



Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 in London but was brought up in Milan by his Italian parents. He was an only child. The little family lived in comfort with the advantage of wealth. Carlo's father's family was prominent in the Italian insurance industry, and his mother's family ran a successful publishing company. His mother's grandmother was born in America, and her family invested in land in New York.

Carlo's parents were not religious and were what we might classify as "Christmas and Easter Catholics", although they had him baptized in London. A few months later, they moved to Milan and engaged an Irish nanny to care for Carlo. He occasionally attended daycare, where he was bullied. By that time, he had a Polish nanny, who encouraged him to defend himself, to which Carlo replied, "Jesus would not be happy if I lost my temper".

Growing up, Carlo would spend summer school holidays with his grandparents, who lived near the seashore. After spending the day at the beach, he always wanted to stop in the parish church and pray the Rosary with older women. He attended Catholic schools, the first run by the Sisters of St. Marcellina and later one run by the Jesuits. He travelled often with his parents, and his favorite place was Assisi, where his parents eventually bought a second home.

Carlo was not an outstanding student, but he loved music and anything to do with computers. He spent time away from school volunteering with the homeless under the guidance of a Catholic charity. He was otherwise a typical boy who enjoyed comics, video games, movies, hiking, animals, and Nutella! He admired the poverty and charity of the Franciscan Order, and eventually gave up his beloved Nutella as a sacrifice to emulate our good St. Francis. When he was showered with toys for his birthday, he quietly gave them to the Capuchin friars to give to poor children who had no toys. He would make small snacks and give his pocket money to poor beggars he encountered walking to school.

Carlo was a peacemaker, who often broke up fights at school and helped the boys to reconcile. He was the first to step up to defend others from bullies. He had a great deal of empathy for other children whose parents were divorced or who lived in unstable homes, inviting them home to dinner. And he always defended girls who were harassed by boys who whistled or who made off-color remarks.

Perhaps through the example of his Irish and Polish nannies, Carlo developed a great love for the Church, Mass, and especially the Eucharist. With his computer skill, he was able to research and teach himself the Catechism so well, at the age of 12 his pastor asked him to be a catechist for younger children at his parish. His favorite saints were St. Francis of Assisi and St. Michael the Archangel. By his example and diligent pestering, his parents eventually were drawn back into being practicing Catholics.

When he entered his teen years, Carlo developed a website which catalogued Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions, which is still in use.

At the age of 15, Carlo developed a throat inflammation, which was diagnosed as parotitis and dehydration. Within a week, his pain worsened and he was unable to get out of bed to attend Mass. After further medical consultation, he was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia, and was given little chance of recovery. He was hospitalized, put on a respirator, and given the Anointing of the Sick. He told his nurses he offered his pain and suffering for Pope Benedict and the Church.

Ten days after he first noticed his sore throat, Carlo died. At his request, he is buried at Assisi. His parents had tried for years to conceive another child. His mother became pregnant a few months previous to Carlo's death, and four days later, she delivered twins. She attributes this to Carlo's intercession.

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized in 2025, which is a Jubilee Year in the Church.

## Speaking of Martyrs – by Virgil Daniel, TOF

It was Tertulian (c 197 A.D.) who famously declared that "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church," meaning that a Christian's willingness to die for their faith leads to the conversion of others. Pope Francis in his prayer intentions for March 2024 called us to "pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world; may their courage and missionary zeal permeate the Church." Two statements on Christian martyrdom, separated by some 1800 years, yet consistent in their proclamation of the crucial role of martyrs in the history and development of the Christian faith. Pope Francis is especially calling us to note the many modern martyrs, who are so often little known and soon forgotten, yet who

gave their lives in total faith. In 2024 already, this includes the fifteen slain in Burkina Faso, Africa, on February 25 while attending Sunday Liturgy.



Speaking of “little know and soon forgotten,” have you heard of “the Georgia Martyrs”? Five Spanish Franciscan friars were martyred on the coast of what is now the State of Georgia in 1597. That makes them contemporary with the famous “Lost Colony of Roanoke” (1585-1590), but not a common notation in most books of American History, which are so largely tell the English history of the colonial period.

These Spanish friars had enjoyed a comfortable relationship with the local population, the Guale. Many Guale became Catholics through the efforts of these six friars. However, a candidate for chieftain, although Catholic himself, sought permission to take a second wife as this offered him both status and increased wealth in terms of the politics of the day. Fr Pedro de Corpa refused. Once refused by Fr de Corpa, this chieftain gathered together a loyal following and then set about to systematically eliminate the friars and their influence. While five were outright killed, one was imprisoned and later escaped to tell a story that might have otherwise been lost except as a footnote to some report to their superior. Ironically, the bloodbath began on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and ended on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Stigmata of St. Francis.

If you have access to EWTN On Demand, their story and their cause for canonization, are the subject of an excellent documentary, “For the Sake of the Gospel.” It is interesting that while certainly they were martyrs in defense of their faith, they were specifically martyred in defense of the Church’s teaching on marriage, which gives their cause an interesting spin.

Pedro de Corpa and companions, their cause was opened by the Diocese of Savannah just in 1984, nearly four centuries after their martyrdom. Indeed, the petition for the cause notes “for having given their lives in defense of the sanctity of Christian Marriage.”

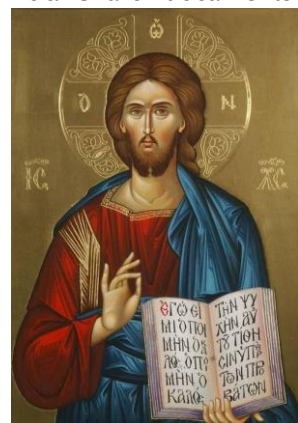
Much more to learn at the excellent and detailed website [www.thegeorgiamartyrs.org](http://www.thegeorgiamartyrs.org)

## Blessed be God in His Angels & His Saints! – by Virgil Daniel, TOF

Most of you have likely heard Protestant objections that “Catholics worship Mary, and not God.” Or that “Catholics commit idolatry – look at all their statues and how they pray before them.” Given the sometimes-imprecise manner in which we utilize synonyms in English, it is not surprising that some might conflate reverence and honor with worship, as such. Sometimes even Catholics may give that impression by their pious exuberance in devotions to the Blessed Mother and other saints, at least to outside observers.

Latin and Greek, on the other hand, are much more precise in word usage. Remember that all official Church documents begin in Latin and then enter into local translation. So, let’s set the record straight, shall we?

In Latin, “worship” is clearly defined by *latría*. Webster’s defines “latría” as the “supreme homage that is given to God alone.” That is what Catholic theology means when it asks us to worship – and it doesn’t broach any ambiguity when translated into English. But, right away you might ask “isn’t that the same as adoration.” Sort of, but not quite. The Latin, *adōrāre*, means rather “to plead with, appeal to, approach (a god) as a suppliant, or worshipper.” However, it can also mean “to treat with reverence, to admire,” which gives rise to the confusion when the Latin is translated into English. For certainly it is appropriate for lovers to use “adore” in terms of their response to one another. And don’t we often say “Oh, I just adore this or that”? On the other hand, we lovers of Christ most certainly adore Him as our beloved.



Before moving on, let me also clarify about reverence to statues and icons as objects of pious devotion. To answer charges of “idolatry” in the days of the Iconoclast Heresy, St John of Damascus taught most clearly – “I do not worship matter; I worship the Creator of matter.” His teaching is foundational to our approach to statues, icons, relics and other material objects of devotion. However, as noted earlier, to the outside observer this might get lost without further explanation.

Now to how we approach “angels and saints.” The operative word here is *dulia*, a Greek word borrowed into Latin usage without change. Again, Webster: “veneration as respect paid to saints and angels as servants and friends of God.” The original Greek likely meant “slavery” as from *doulos*/slave.

Thus, we are offering *dulia* when have recourse to the angels and saints, not *latría*, or even “*adōrāre*,” although we can certainly approach the saints, and especially the Blessed Mother, “with reverence and admiration.” See how we can get

confused in English?



So, is that it? No. We need to clarify with prefixes several layers of intensity when we offer *dulia*. First is *proto-dulia*, as in “first or primary.” To whom is this addressed? St Joseph, spouse and “protector of the Virgin Mary” and “guardian of the Redeemer.” We reverently pray:

To you God entrusted his only Son. In you Mary placed her trust.

With you Christ became man.

No other human in history has this close and privileged relationship with Our Lord and His Mother, in time or in eternity. This is why he is taken as the Patron of the Church. (Pius IX declared him both patron and protector of the Church.)

And, for Mary herself? The term is *hyper-dulia*, as in “above, excessive, super.” And why not? Is she not “More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious than the seraphim.” Indeed, for as a “virgin” she gave “birth to God, the Word.” That special role in God’s plan and in our salvation is truly worthy of being the sole object of *hyper-dulia* – “You truly the Theotokos (the God-Bearer), we magnify.”

Indeed, the oldest known prayer to the Virgin dates from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, if not earlier. In modern translation, it reads:

Beneath your protection we take refuge, Oh, Virgin Theotokos.

Despise not our prayers in our need, but deliver us from danger.

For you alone are pure and blessed.

I hope this provides some helpful clarification on these important matters.

## **Pope Marks 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi’s Stigmata** – by Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

Christ’s wounds are signs of His love and are a call to reach out with His love to the “stigmatized,” those who bear “the scars of the sufferings and injustices they have endured or the mistakes they have made,” Pope Francis told a group of Franciscans.

The wounds of Christ’s passion and death and the stigmata given to some Christians over the centuries are reminders of “the pain Jesus suffered in His flesh out of love for us and for our salvation,” Pope Francis said.

But, the Pope said, the stigmata also is a reminder that through Baptism Christians participate in Christ’s victory over suffering and death because “it is precisely through His wounds that the mercy of the Risen, Crucified One flows to us as through a channel.”

With a visiting group of Italian Franciscan friars from La Verna and from Tuscany on April 5, Pope Francis joined celebrations of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi receiving “the gift of the stigmata” after he had withdrawn to the hills of La Verna to pray and do penance in 1224.

The friars also brought to Pope Francis a reliquary containing blood from the stigmata of St. Francis, a reliquary that is making a pilgrimage to different Franciscan communities.

The stigmata, or sharing the wounds of Christ, Pope Francis told the friars, is a reminder that a Christian is part of “the body of Christ,” not in name alone but in reality.

In the “communion of love,” which is the Church, he said, “each of us rediscovers who he or she is: a beloved, blessed, reconciled son or daughter, sent to give witness to the wonders of His grace and to be artisans of fraternity.”

Pope Francis said that is why “Christians are called to address themselves in a special way to the ‘stigmatized’ they encounter: to those who are ‘marked’ in life, who bear the scars of the sufferings and injustices they have endured or the mistakes they have made.”

St. Francis of Assisi can be a “companion on the journey,” the Pope said, supporting Christians and helping them “not to be crushed by difficulties, fears and contradictions, ours and those of others.”

The stigmata for St. Francis was a call to return to what is essential, he said, and the celebrations of the eighth centenary should be a similar call to Franciscans today: “To be forgiven bears of forgiveness, healed bearers of healing, joyful and simple in fraternity; with the strength of the love that flows from the side of Christ and that is nourished in your personal encounter with Him, to be renewed every day with a seraphic ardor that burns the heart.”

Franciscans, he said, are called to bring to the Church and the world “a little of that immense love that drove Christ to die on

the cross for us.”

At the end of his speech, Pope Francis offered a prayer to “St. Francis, man wounded by love” and “decorated with the holy stigmata.”

“May our wounds be healed by the heart of Christ to become, like you, witnesses of His mercy, which continues to heal and renew the life of those who seek Him with a sincere heart,” the Pope prayed. “O Francis, made to resemble the Crucified One, let your stigmata be for us and for the world resplendent signs of life and resurrection, to show new ways of peace and reconciliation.”

### **Evangelization Committee Formed! – by Pepe Ventosa, TOF**

An Evangelization Committee has just been formed. This committee is composed of 19 members (10 women and 9 men) from our three local fraternities (St. Padre Pio, Our Lady of America and SS. Francis and Clare fraternities) in Ohio. Members of this committee will take turns manning a display table with information about the Third Order of St. Francis at local events such as Catholic conferences, parish/diocesan events, and others.

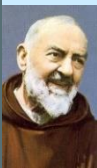
*“In gratitude to God and to the Church for their Franciscan vocation, members shall do their utmost to advance the interests of the Order. One or more shall be appointed in each fraternity whose duty it will be to promote and spread it with prudent zeal, especially among men and young people.” Constitution Art. 82*

### **Initial Formation News – by Debbie Ventosa, TOF**

Formators from all three local TOF fraternities as well as the IT community met on April 13, 2024. Present via Zoom were Ericka Witover, TOF, Master of Formation for the Isolated Tertiaries; Virgil Daniel, TOF; Julie Elkington, TOF; Paul Fedele, TOF; Debbie Ventosa, TOF; and Margaret Sartor, TOF moderating the meeting. The goal was to share current materials and plans for future manuals to enhance continuity of formation for the local TOF teachers and students. Discussion on printing out of date and difficult-to-obtain publications was had with Gina Love as our contact.

Ideas and recommendations were shared to enhance the lessons and help make them more interactive and reflective. The Book *Franciscan Virtues Throughout the Years* by CFP was being used successfully by some for ongoing formation as well as *Called to Commitment*. Other fraternities are studying the Constitutions, specifically Chapter II - The Way of Life. We thank Margaret Sartor TOF and all who attended for their most valuable input as we seek God's will to guide our communities' formation.

### **St. Padre Pio Fraternity News – by Julie Elkinton, TOF**



On Saturday, June 8, we celebrated a Novitiate Investiture for Gina Love, Jain Savage and Linda McGrath! What joy to have these three individuals journeying in the spirit of St. Francis in the school of Christian Perfection. We also have nine participants in our Inquiry phase of formation. Another blessing for our community. Please keep all of them in your prayers as they continue in their discernment of the TOF way of life.

We are looking forward to the first Tridua retreat here at the Shrine in August. There is much anticipation for this time with Our Lord and our larger community, but of quiet and solitude as well. Hopefully everyone can make time for even just one day to participate in this awesome event!

### **Our Lady of America Fraternity News – by Margaret Sartor, TOF**



In April, Aaron Fedele professed at St Joseph Calisanctus church in Jefferson with Fr. Vit, Fr Ryan, and Bob graciously serving. Virgil and Debbie made the trip to Jefferson, and we appreciated it. On the same day Valerie Ferrante and Joyce Ann White moved from the Inquirer stage of formation, to the Postulancy.



**God bless and protect Aaron, Valerie, and Joyce!**

## SS. Francis & Clare Fraternity News – by Roberto Meza, TOF



Our two groups in formation continue their preparation. The Postulants group whose members are Jerry Johnson, Andrea Ferraro, Jack Kellogg, Charlotte Miller and John Wilson, will enter Novitiate on the Day of Recollection in November of this year at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted in Youngstown. The Novices group whose members are Marlene Walker, and Carolyn and Dennis Gacich will make their Profession on the same Day of Recollection in November.

We continue our preparation for the picnic on August 18, 1-4:30 PM at the pavilion of Queen of Heaven Parish in Green, OH. We extend the invitation to Saint Padre Pio and Our Lady of America Fraternities!

Our fraternity appreciates the Our Lady of America Fraternity for organizing the pilgrimage in May of this year to the Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church. It was a great opportunity to be amazed by the blessed paintings and statues and the great architecture of this church.

## St. Louis IX Men's TOF Prayer Group – by Pepe Ventosa, TOF



A prayer group for the men of our community of Franciscan Tertiaries, the St. Louis IX Prayer Group, has been formed. Named after St. Louis IX, a Franciscan Tertiary and co-Patron Saint of the Third Order of St. Francis, the group meets via Zoom once a month, on the last Tuesday at 8:00 PM Eastern Time. Our first meeting took place on May 28, 2024. We gather to recite Compline using the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary and to pray this office in Latin, the tongue of Holy Mother Church. This is a great opportunity for many of us to become familiar with the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the Offices given to us by Pope Leo XIII, while at the same time learning to pray in Latin. To receive the Zoom invite please contact Pepe Ventosa, TOF.

## News from the Isolated Franciscan Tertiary Community – by Pepe Ventosa, TOF

The IT (Isolated Tertiaries) Initial Formation team has been busy this year assisting with the initial formation of 2 Novitiate groups. One group, with 3 novices, finished their last novitiate lesson in June and will be celebrating their Holy Profession soon. They are Stephanie S. (Missouri), Bob Z. (North Carolina) and James B. (Virginia). Novices George S. and Nadia S. (Florida), will soon be celebrating their profession too. The other group of novices (13 novices), continue to learn about the TOF as they prayerfully discern their vocation. Please keep them all in your prayers.

A new Initial Formation group will be starting the Inquiry period in September 2004. We have a great formation team with 5 members assisting Ericka Witover (Texas), Master of Formation. With the blessing of an increase in numbers, the IT community is now able to form a team within its membership. We thank Julie Elkinton, TOF (St. Padre Pio Fraternity) and Virgil Daniel, TOF (SS. Francis and Clare Fraternity) for their assistance with formation during the IT beginnings. Julie and Virgil will now be able to give their full attention to their respective fraternities. **Thank you!**

On June 18-19, 2024, Brian Kusek, TOF and Novice John Gust, both from Minnesota, had the opportunity to participate at the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's annual conference on ministry, leadership and evangelization. At this conference, 200 priests, deacons and lay leaders gathered with Bishop Robert Barron at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Many third orders and apostolates from across the diocese were invited to the table during breaks to share the good work being done in the local church. Brian and John spoke to many interested in the Third Order of St. Francis and our community, including some who had already spent time on our website. The beautiful banner was donated by a member of the IT community. Brian is the Director of Campus Ministry at Saint Mary University and is a member of the IT Initial Formation Team. **(Photos below!)**



Would you like to meet some of our ITs? Come and join us at our Tridua Retreat! ITs coming from far away will be joining us. Members from North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Texas are already registered to attend our retreat. Bob Z., from North Carolina, will be celebrating his Profession at the Tridua's Closing Mass.

## It's Time for Picnics!!!

One of the nicest things about summer is the TOF picnics! Not only is it a time to relax and enjoy good food, but it is also a time for all of us to spend time together and catch up with one another.

**The Our Lady of the America Fraternity** will have their annual picnic on July 14 at 2 PM. They will meet at St. Joseph Calasactius Church in Jefferson. **Everyone is welcome!**



**The Ss. Francis and Clare Fraternity** plans to celebrate their picnic on August 18 at Queen of Heaven Parish at 1800 Steese Road in Uniontown (Summit County). Queen of Heaven has beautiful grounds with an outside grotto used for Masses and devotions, Stations of the Cross, and several outdoors shrines with statues of saints, including our good St. Francis. **\*All\*** our TOF family is most welcome to celebrate with us! If you would like to join us, please contact Mary Dye, TOF at [marymurphydye@gmail.com](mailto:marymurphydye@gmail.com) or (330) 604-8210 to RSVP. **We would love to see you!!!**



We are having a picnic and want you to come!

Our Lady of America Fraternity

St. Padre Pio Fraternity

SS. Francis and Clare Fraternity



## Holy Profession of Tien Tran, TOF – by Pepe Ventosa, TOF



Tien Tran, TOF, celebrated his Holy Profession at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted on April 20, 2024. The celebrant was our Spiritual Director, Fr. Vit Fiala, OFM.

Tien is one of our Honorary Isolated Tertiary members and was accompanied by his father, mother and brother. Tien was featured in the Autumn 2023 edition of The Troubadour.

You can learn more about Tien and his beautiful ministry to the TOF by reading his article at this link: <https://thirdorderfranciscans.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Autumn-2023.pdf>.



**Our community is blessed to have Tien with us!**



## **Franciscan Tertiaries' Tridua 2024 – by Pepe Ventosa, TOF**

### **REGISTRATION FOR TRIDUA - August 23-25, 2024**

#### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 15, 2024**

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Fraternity name (if applicable, or if Isolated Tertiary):

Please select:

- Professed member
- Attending Initial Formation, please specify:
  - Inquirer
  - Postulant
  - Novice

#### **ATTENDANCE**

I will be attending the following days (place an "X" inside parenthesis for all that apply):

- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

#### **HOUSING INFORMATION**

I will be staying at (place an "X" inside parenthesis that applies)

- at my home or friend's home
- I will make my own reservations at a local hotel as follows (please select accordingly):
  - Provide me with the group discount hotel information and I will make the reservation. Group discount rate is \$149/night plus tax.
  - I will make my own hotel selection and reservation.
- I would like to stay at the house next to the Shrine. If a room is available, please let me know. I'm aware that steps are involved.
- I will camp on the Shrine's grounds and will bring my own camping gear.
- Other plans (please specify):

#### **MEALS**

Meals are included, but unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate special dietary restrictions. You are welcome to bring your own meals if necessary.

#### **DONATION**

Donation for the Retreat is \$40. Please make check payable to: Jose Ventosa, TOF, and write "Tridua Retreat" on the memo line. ***Please send registration along with donation to Pepe Ventosa, TOF***

## **Tridua Retreat Update – by Pepe Ventosa, TOF**

Our first TOF retreat will be taking place on August 23-25, 2024 at the Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted.

Registration is now open. There is an option to attend one, two or all three days. Registration is available through our monthly "Mat Posts". If you would like a registration form sent to you, please contact your fraternity minister or Pepe Ventosa, TOF. The retreat will start on Friday at 4:30 pm and will end after lunch on Sunday.

Our Constitutions (Art 66) strongly recommends an annual retreat of Franciscan nature. Basil Gummermann, OFM Cap, in his Handbook of the Third Order Secular of St. Francis of Assisi, writes, "By spending several days in holy silence, prayer, meditation, self-examination, and pious planning the soul is enlightened, cleansed, sanctified and prepared for the battles of life... Tertiaries who take the pursuit of perfection seriously avail themselves of the opportunity of making a retreat every year." (p. 274-275).



## Save the Dates!

8/18/24	Ss. Francis and Clare Fraternity Picnic (Queen of Heaven Parish, 1800 Steese Rd., Uniontown) – 1:30 PM
8/23–25/24	Tridua

*“Look upon the hour of adoration assigned to you as an hour in paradise.... Tell yourself, in four hours, in two hours, in one hour, our Lord will give me an audience of grace and love. He has invited me; he is waiting for me, he is longing for me.”*

**St. Peter Julian Eymard, SSS (1811-1868) – Founder of Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament Order for Priests and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for Sisters; Promoter of Eucharistic Adoration**

*Photo courtesy of Chris Devore, TOF – Stained Glass Window at Sancta Clara Monastery, Canton*

