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I love you this much

~ Come join us ~

The gatherings
Are usually held
In Trinity Center top
floor 4th Sunday
@ 1:30 pm
(Subject to change.)
@ St Michael
Catholic Church, 804
High House Road,
Cary, NC

A DIVERSE FAMILY

By Margaret A. Slowick, OSF

The emphasis of the Franciscan life is on neither a common place centered on contemplation and the praise of God, nor a common task centered on the concrete mission of service to the Church and world. It is rather a common heart: a prophetic witness to Christ and the whole of the Gospel. The followers of Francis insert themselves in the world, not having specific works, but ready for all kinds of service to promote the Gospel. Diverse as we are, we truly are part of a whole...members of one family drawn together by our common roots in Francis and those who have followed him down the centuries, even to the present day.

News Items

The Area3 Servant Leadership Workshop is on Saturday, June 1 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Burlington, NC. The workshop is geared for Council members but might be useful for those Fraternity members who show an interest in becoming Council members in the future.

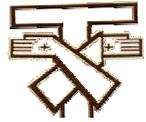
The Annual Regional Gathering will take place at Ridgecrest, NC on August 2-3-4, 2013. Deadline for registrations is June 1. We look forward to a wonderful time together during this Chapter of Elections. Our theme for this year is "Be the Bridge - Animate Peace" and our weekend will focus on Peace and Justice. We anticipate the following presenters: Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., Carolyn Townes, OFS, Fr. David Hyman, OFM, Sr. Bernadette Cappola, OSC, and Fr. Louis Canino, OFM. Check the Communio for further details. Please let Joanne know if you will attend,

Next general gathering June 23rd, in Trinity Center top floor @ 1:30 pm

May 18th. Several of us helped out at the Avila Retreat center. Sister Damian and Sister Cam will be retiring. The Bishop will announce a replacement.

Come and See will be held on August 25 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Cary, NC in the Trinity Center Also known as Early Childhood Center (top floor). Please invite anyone interested to participate,





Franciscan Saints for June

2 **St. Felix of Nicosia**, Religious of I Order

8 **Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi**, Rel., I Order

12 **Bl. Jolenta**, Religious of the III Order.

12 **Bl. Florida Cevoli**, Religious of I Order

13 **St. Anthony of Padua**, priest, doctor, I O. Anthony was sent to Forli with some other brethren, to attend the ceremony of ordination. At the convent there the superior wanted somebody to give an address for the occasion. Everybody excused himself, saying that he was not prepared, until Anthony was finally asked to give it. When he, too, excused himself most humbly, his superior ordered him by virtue of the vow of obedience to give the sermon. Anthony began to speak in a very reserved manner; but soon holy animation seized him, and he spoke with such eloquence, learning, and unction that everybody was fairly amazed. When St. Francis was informed of the event, he gave Anthony the mission to preach all over Italy. Pope Gregory IX enrolled him among the saints in the very next year. At Padua a magnificent basilica was built in his honor, his holy relics were entombed there in 1263. From the time of his death up to the present day, countless miracles have occurred through St. Anthony's intercession, so that he is known as the Wonder-Worker. In 1946 he was also declared a Doctor of the Church.

16 **Bls Anizet Koplín**, priest and Comp. and 108 Martyrs of Nazi persecution in Poland. Cap.

16 **Bl. Guy (Guido) Vignotelli**, priest, 3O. (OFM)

17 **St. Albert Chmielowski, III Order** - Saint Albert Chmielowski was born at Igoalomia, Poland on August 20, 1845 and died at Krakow, Poland on December 25, 1916. He was of a wealthy family and studied agriculture. At age 17 he was injured and lost a leg. Through his interest in politics, he came into contact with the human suffering and misery around him. He became a Franciscan Tertiary, abandoned his painting, and began working with the poorest in Krakow. In 1887 he founded the Brothers of the Third Order of Saint Francis, Servants of the Poor, known as the Albertines (named for him) or the Gray Brothers (after their rough gray habits). In 1891 he founded the women's congregation of the Order (Gray Sisters). The Albertines organized food and shelter for the poor and homeless.

19 **Venerable Matt Talbot, III Order** - an Irish ascetic revered by many Catholics for his piety, charity and mortification of the flesh. Talbot was an unskilled laborer. Though he lived alone for most of his life, Talbot did live with his mother for a time. His life would have gone unnoticed were it not for the cords and chains discovered on his body when he died suddenly on a Dublin street in 1925. Though he has not been formally recognized as a saint, Talbot may be considered a patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism

22 **St. Thomas More, martyr of the III Order** - Intellectuals and statesmen across Europe were stunned by More's execution by King Henry VIII. Erasmus saluted him as one "whose soul was more pure than any snow, whose genius was such that England never had and never again will have its like". There was a more controversial side to Two centuries later Jonathan Swift said More was "the person of the greatest virtue this kingdom ever produced", a sentiment with which Samuel Johnson agreed. Historian Hugh Trevor-Roper said in 1977 that More was "the first great Englishman whom we feel that we know, the most saintly of humanists, the most human of saints, the universal man of our cool northern renaissance.

22. **St. John Fisher**. Fisher was executed by order of King Henry VIII of England during the English Reformation for refusing to accept the king as Supreme Head of the Church of England and for upholding the Catholic Church's doctrine of papal primacy. He shares his feast day with St. Thomas More

23 **St. Joseph Cafasso, III Order** - Even as a young man, Joseph loved to attend Mass and was known for his humility and fervor in prayer. After his ordination he was assigned to a seminary in Turin. There he worked especially against the spirit of Jansenism, an excessive preoccupation with sin and damnation. Joseph used the works of St. Francis de Sales and St. Alphonsus Liguori to moderate the rigorism popular at the seminary. Joseph recommended membership in the Secular Franciscan Order to priests. He urged devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged daily Communion.

30 **Bl. Raymond Lull, martyr of III Order**. - Despite his marriage and two children, he led a dissolute life, but changed his lifestyle in 1263 when he had a vision of Christ while writing to a woman with whom he was having an affair, followed by five more visions. After 2 pilgrimages, he became a Franciscan tertiary, provided for his family, gave the rest of his wealth to the poor, and determined to devote the rest of his life to converting the Moslems.



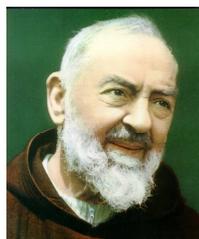
Our Library

We wish to thank Maureen Copan for organizing our library. It is quite wide-ranging since the greater part of it was donated from the Jane Sullivan – Farris’ library. It includes 30 cassettes, 30 CD’s, and 116 books.

Contact Maureen for borrowing.



"I belong to everyone. Everyone can say: 'Padre Pio is mine'." St. Pio



The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As we begin to feel the warmth of summer, we can reflect that we celebrate the feasts of **Corpus Christ** (June 2), the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (June 7) and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** (June 8). God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament — is the human manifestation of God's Love for men. Appropriately June is considered the month for weddings where human hearts join and cooperate with the Creator in bringing forth new life. The family they create is a human reflection of the Blessed Trinity.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 2013

General: That a culture of dialogue, listening, and mutual respect may prevail among peoples.

Missionary: That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization.

(See also www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2012english.html)



Prayer to the United Hearts of Jesus and Mary:

O United Hearts of Jesus and Mary, You art all grace, all mercy, all love. Let our hearts be joined to Yours, so that our every need is present in Your United Hearts. Most especially, shed Your grace upon our Franciscan family. Help us to recognize and accept Your loving will in our lives. Amen.

(Consider dedicating one decade of your daily Rosary specifically for the intentions of everyone in our Fraternity)



Happy June Birthdays

Frank Peluso
6/12

Joanne Jacovec
6/19

"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."

By
Charles Schulz

"Whenever human beings fail to care for creation and for our brothers and sisters, the way is opened to destruction and hearts are hardened."
- Pope Francis

"Love wholly and not partially. God does not have parts but is present totally everywhere. God does not want only a part of you....Give all of yourself and God will give you all of himself."

—From the writings of St. Anthony of Padua

A Message by Richard Rohr, OFM

I am doing a short study of the Letter to the Ephesians on this lovely Sunday morning, and have had time to absorb some of its amazing insights. Paul, or whoever wrote it, says that the exact meaning of the cross is that "Jesus destroyed in his own person the hostility" between groups (In fact, he repeats it twice in both 2:14 and 2:16) Jesus did not take sides with his Jewish religion against the pagans, but instead he did a most amazing thing, which we have yet to comprehend. The author says that he destroyed the hostility -

"THAT WAS CAUSED BY THE RULES AND DECREES OF THE LAW".

In other words, the very identification of his group (or any group) with its own customs and practices is what justifies their hostility toward another group, and maintains their own superiority system—which is always violent in maintaining itself.

Is this not the core historical problem that continues to justify most hostility to this day? My group versus your group thinking? We do it this way and you do it the wrong way? Think of the genocides of the last century, which were usually in Christian based cultures, to realize how we have missed the message. Ephesians says that Jesus "killed" or "destroyed" the very ground of this hostility by himself being killed "under the law" (with the blessing of both religion and state), and thus revealing the limitations, blindness, and often complicity in evil of what are usually nothing more than cultural customs passing for divine law. Our "sacred order" is usually maintained at someone else's expense. This is so much of a surprise that most of us still refuse to be surprised—and also disappointed in our capacity for missing the profound revelation from the cross of Jesus. Ephesians goes on to say that Jesus is trying to "create one single New Humanity" (2:15). We are still waiting for this new single humanity. It could still change history, and it eventually will, but probably we have to hit bottom first—and see how our sacralized beliefs and customs are themselves much of the problem.

Lover of God's Creation – a poem about St. Francis

" He is the saint who sings, the saint who laughs, the saint who kisses, who plays the violin by bowing a stick on his arm, a dancing angel. He is the saint who joyfully sings to nature, who joyfully loves the nature God has created. He does so not as a pantheist, but clearly in all things, as a gardener loves each flower in his garden for itself. Joy! Joy! It is nothing other than music. He hangs from God on a golden thread, swaying back and forth with life's joy - the troubadour of God. He is inebriated with music and joyful love. Of all the saints, he is the poet; all his deeds are spontaneous rhymes, his words music! And even more than a poetic saint, one would prefer to call him a holy poet." by: Bro. Didacus Wilson, T.O.R and Bro. David Kaczmarek, T.O.R.

Quotes on Justice

"I agree with Dante, that the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a period of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality"

- Martin Luther King Jr.

"Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."

- William Penn