



Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity

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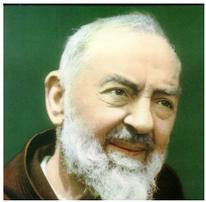
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"Even conceded that you had committed all the sins of this world, Jesus repeats to you, "Many sins are forgiven thee because thou hast loved much!" ~St. Padre Pio

"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

Next Meeting
September 22

Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity, Secular Franciscan Order,

"Come and See," - August 25, 2013

Program

Father Douglas Reed, Spiritual Assistant led us in the Opening Prayer. Joanne Jacovec, OFS, Minister gave an overview of the Come and See Program and made introductions, then passed out information handouts. She also briefly told of the founding of the Franciscan Orders, and how we use the Four Pillars of the Secular Franciscan Order as a basis for our meetings. Michael Evaniuck, OFS, Formation Director explained the details and dates of our formation program. Candidate, Maureen Copan, OFS gave her reflections on becoming an OFS. Minister and Spiritual Assistant answered questions from the visitors. Father Douglas Reed, Spiritual Assistant led in the Closing Prayer. Everyone was then invited for Social and Light Refreshments.

Thank You's from our Minister

I share with you my immense gratitude and appreciation for all you did to serve our two dozen participants in such a loving and completely FRANCISCAN way!

- Thank you to Frank for all his efforts in planning and communicating our Come and See. Many of the participants expressed their appreciation to you for your emails and the fraternity newsletters you sent to them. You are an outstanding example of Franciscan servant leadership, and we are so very blessed to have you in our fraternity.

- To those of you who couldn't be with us, thank you for your intercessory prayers which are the greatest gift we give one another. We deeply felt your presence, love and the power of your prayers.

- To Father Doug, Mike and Maureen, thank you for sharing your life stories, Franciscan vocations and Franciscan teachings which greatly touched our participants and fraternity members. Because of your contributions to our program, our participants understood how one can live in union with our Triune God following in the footsteps of Francis and Clare.

- To Sharon who provided such awesome refreshments and hospitality. It was wonderful to "gather around the table" with everyone and enjoy fellowship with those who felt called to join us yesterday. Our participants had the opportunity to see how Franciscans gather and take joy in being together as a family.

- To everyone in our fraternity who rolled up their sleeves and worked together to set up and clean up our room, prepare our refreshments, put up signs, help to carry items to and from our cars, greet participants in the lobby, and much more. It takes a lot of effort to coordinate and successfully implement such a large gathering. Your dedication enabled us to serve together and provide a wonderful day for our participants.

- To everyone -- all of us -- who greeted and conversed with our participants. We are the "face" of Francis, Clare, Pio and the Franciscan community of saints to these seekers. The genuine joy and excitement we expressed are an authentic example of our Franciscan Spirit. I am humbled and gratified to be in fraternity with all of you!

Peace and love, Joanne



Admonitions of

St. Francis

4. That no one should take Superiorship upon himself.

I did "not come to be ministered unto, but to minister," says the Lord. Let those who are set above others glory in this superiority only as much as if they had been deputed to wash the feet of the brothers; and if they are more perturbed by the loss of their superiority than they would be by losing the office of washing feet, so much the more do they lay up treasures to the peril of their own soul.

Rule Chapter 19

Mindful that they are bearers of peace, which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.

Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others.

Quote if St. Francis

...Forgive and you will be forgiven . . .

Happy and Holy St. Pio Feast Day – September 23 rd.

St. Padre Pio said this novena every day for all those who requested his prayers. ...

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

I. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock; I seek and ask for the grace of.... (Here name your request)

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory Be to the Father.... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of... (Here name your request)

Our Father...Hail Mary.... Glory Be To the Father.... Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of... (Here name your request) Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us. --

Some Famous Quotes

“Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.” ~ Mahatma Gandhi

“The wise man in the storm prays God not for safety from danger but for deliverance from fear.” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. We must always remember this. The actual words matter less.” ~ Pope John XXIII

“The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.”~ G.K. Chesterton

“Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth.” ~ St. Louis IX

Important Bits and Pieces

Next meeting – Sunday September 22nd at 1:30 in the upper room at St. Michael's.

September 23rd: This is St. Pio's feast day. Don't you just love this friar, an Italian priest who knew how to throw his head back and laugh, who would reprimand a well-known actress for being superficial, who endured the stigmata for over a half century, who could see his guardian angel from the time he was a small child, who could bilocate and read souls, who was one of the greatest saints in existing recollection. We are proud to have him as a patron! From his early childhood, it was evident that Padre Pio had a deep piety. When he was five years old, he solemnly consecrated himself to Jesus. He liked to sing hymns, play church and preferred to be by himself where he could read and pray.

Sunshine: If you know of anyone who is ill or has a death in the family please contact Suzie Nelson, OFS. Contact Joyce Wesner, OFS for PRAYER REQUESTS.

Library: To obtain books CD's, and other material contact Maureen Copan, OFS. These have been recently added: *Ten Christian Mystics and What They tell Us of God* (set of 4) by Murray Bodo, OFM; *Jesus and Buddha Paths to Awakening* (set of 7) by James Finley, PHD and Richard Rohr, OFM; and, *2000 Years of Papal History from Peter to Benedict XVI* by John O'Malley, S.J.

The apostolate at the Avila Retreat center will be resumed in September. Date will be announced.

Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi: Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church Catholic Church.

Pope Francis called for a negotiated settlement to the civil war in Syria, and announced he would lead a worldwide day of fasting and prayer for peace there on Sept. 7.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary - Pope Francis will consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at a Vatican ceremony on October 13.

Dec 7. 2013 Keep this date open for our annual retreat at Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC. 2013.

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." ~ C.S. Lewis "



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It's Football Season

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis is known as a keen football (soccer) fan, so there was great excitement all round on Tuesday when the Holy Father met with players of the Italian and Argentinean national teams.

“The Pope is very interested in football because he is a fan of football, he is a fan of sport. In fact the Pope is a fan in particular of the team of Buenos Aires de Almagro”, says Max Castellani from Avvenire, the newspaper of the Italian Catholic Bishops Conference.

He also adds that Wednesday's friendly has a spiritual dimension. “The importance of the match is spiritual because many of the players of the two teams are very religious”.

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders.

The Pope's Intentions for September

General Intention: That people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

Missionary Intention: That Christians suffering persecution in many parts of the world may by their witness be prophets of Christ's love.

Recognizing Christ in Suffering Communities

Communities as well as individuals suffer. All over the world there are large groups of people who are persecuted, mistreated, abused, and made victims of horrendous crimes. There are suffering families, suffering circles of friends, suffering religious communities, suffering ethnic groups, and suffering nations.

In these suffering bodies of people we must be able to recognize the suffering Christ. They too are chosen, blessed, broken and given to the world. As we call one another to respond to the cries of these people and work together for justice and peace, we are caring for Christ, who suffered and died for the salvation of our world. ~ *Henri Nouwen Society*

Franciscan Saints for September

- 1 Bl. Beatrice of Silva, virgin, II Order, founder.
- 2 Bl. John Francis Burté, Bl. Severin Girault, & Companions, martyrs, I, III O.
- 2 Bl. Apollinaris of Posat, priest & martyr of I Order
- 3 Bl. Claudio Granzotto, I order 4 c.
- 14 Pedro de Corpa and Companions ,the five Franciscan Martyrs
- 17 Stigmata of our holy Father Francis**
- 18 St. Joseph of Cupertino, priest, I Ord.
- 22 St. Francis Mary of Camporosso, rel. I O.
- 22 St. Ignatius of Santhia, priest I Order
- 23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest – OFM Cap**
- 24 Finding of the Body of St. Clare
- 24 St. Pacifico of San Severino (I Order)
- 26 St. Elzear of Sabran & Bl. Delphina of Glandenes, husband & wife of III O.
- 26 Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa, priest, & 16 Companions (Capuchin)
- 28 Bl. Innocent of Berzo, priest I Order

Happy September Birthday



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Michael (Mike)
Evaniuck, OFS



I love you this much!