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**For the
May Apostolate at the
Oak City Outreach
Center:
Susan Stamey holds a
sleeping baby while the
mother has dinner and
enjoys talking with
Susan.**



"Let the little children come to me...for it is
such as these that the kingdom of God
belongs." Matthew 19:14

"A person's a person, no matter how small."
~ Dr. Seuss

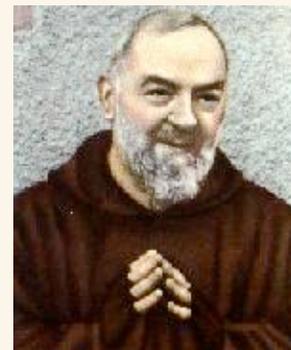
For the May initial formation, the Candidates and Orientees joined together to reflect on the significance of Mary, Mother of God in Francis' life and her role in Franciscan Spirituality

Welcoming Ceremony to be held at the June 28 Gathering

The OFS welcoming ceremony begins the Inquiry phase of initial formation and is a time for the most critical and prayerful discernment of the Inquirer's vocation to the Secular Franciscan Order. During this phase of initial formation, the Fraternity and the Inquirer continue to get to know each other more fully. Opportunities for dialogue and sharing continue to be important to ensure that the aspirant and the Fraternity are compatible.

During Inquiry and before the Rite of Admission, certain aspects of the relationship

between the Inquirer and the Fraternity must be examined. Prior to the Rite of Admission, the Fraternity needs to be confident that the Inquirer has an adequate grasp of the Catholic faith to sustain their deeper journey into the Franciscan way of life. The Inquirer's life should reflect a determination not only to know the faith intellectually, but also to live the faith in practice. The Inquirer must be a fully initiated member of the Catholic faith. The Inquirer should understand and be able to articulate the concept of vocation and, more specifically, a vocation to the OFS Order.



"Prayer is the oxygen of the soul."
St. Padre Pio

Franciscan Potluck Lunch Gathering on June 13, 2015, noontime: At Victoria Romero's Home, 9012 Walking Stick Trail, Raleigh - Directions: From 540 East: - Take Falls of Neuse Rd. Exit 14, off of 540, take a left off of the exit heading North on Falls of Neuse Rd.. After a mile, take a Right onto Durant Rd. After another mile, take a right onto Tenderfoot Trail ,Take your first right onto Hiking Trail, Take your first left onto Walking Stick Trail,3rd house on the left 9012 Walking Stick Trail

Overview for June 2015
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 22), the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 27) and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (June 28). 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
 Intensions for May
 2015**

Universal: IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: VOCATIONS

That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

**Franciscan Saints
 for June**

- 4 Blessed Angeline of Marciano
- 12 Blessed Yolande of Poland
- 14 St. Albert Chielowski
- 13 Saint Anthony of Padua**
- 17 St. Joseph Cafasso
- 18 Venerable Matt Talbot
- 22 Saint Thomas More**
- 25 Blessed Jutta of Thuringia
- 30 Blessed Raymond Lull



St. Anthony of Padua



Called the **Wonder Worker** because of the numerous miracles attributed to him while he was living and since his death. Anthony was born in Portugal and God led him to St. Francis of Assisi. He is one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church and is implored as the patron of lost things and a hundred other causes. His preaching was inspired by the love of God and of souls and had an extraordinary power of conviction; it was filled with the penetrating power of the Bible. Pope Gregory IX, who heard him preach, called him during his lifetime the Arca Testamenti, meaning "the living repository of the Holy Scriptures" and Pope Pius XII, when he proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church, declared that he based all that he said on the texts of the

Gospels, and could justly be called the Evangelical Doctor.

**St. Thomas More, Martyr
 Secular Franciscan**

(Patron of Lawyers)

St. Thomas More was born at London in 1478. After a thorough grounding in religion and the classics, he entered Oxford to study law. Upon leaving the university he embarked on a legal career which took him to Parliament. In 1505, he married his beloved Jane Colt who bore him four children, and when she died at a young age, he married a widow, Alice Middleton, to be a mother for his young children. A wit and a reformer, this learned man numbered Bishops and scholars among his friends, and by 1516 wrote his world-famous book "Utopia". He attracted the attention of Henry VIII who appointed him to a succession of high posts and missions, and finally made him Lord Chancellor in 1529. However, he resigned in 1532, at the height of his career and reputation, when Henry persisted in holding his own opinions regarding marriage and the supremacy of the Pope. In 1534, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, he refused to render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of England and was confined to the Tower. Fifteen months later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, he was tried and convicted of treason. And on the scaffold, he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as "the King's good servant-but God's first." He was beheaded on July 6, 1535.

From American Catholic.org

*"Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance,
they should strive to bring joy and hope to others." Rule 19*

Calendar of Events

4th Sunday of Each Month:

11:45 to 1:00 - Inquiry Formation in the Trinity Center Library

11:45 to 1:00 - Candidacy Formation in the Pastoral Care Room

1:00 to 1:30 – Lunch and Social Time in the Multi Purpose Room

1:30 to #;30 – Fraternity Gathering in the Multi Purpose Room

June 14, 2015 - Six volunteers to serve the first anniversary cake at Oak City Center

June 27, 2015 - Serve meal at Oak City Center

June 28, 2015: Ceremony of Introduction and Welcoming of Inquirers
(Trinity Center Multi-Purpose Room)

August 7 – 9 2015: Annual Regional Gathering
At Ridgecrest Conference Center.

August 16, 2015: Transitus of St. Clare of Assisi
(During the fraternity gathering)

October 2-4: Secular Franciscan Retreat at Avila and Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi Facilitator: Joanita Nellenbach, OFS

October 24-25, 2015: Regional Visitation at St Michael's

December 5, 2015: Annual Fraternity Retreat at Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC

Apostolates

Oak city Outreach - fourth Saturday each month

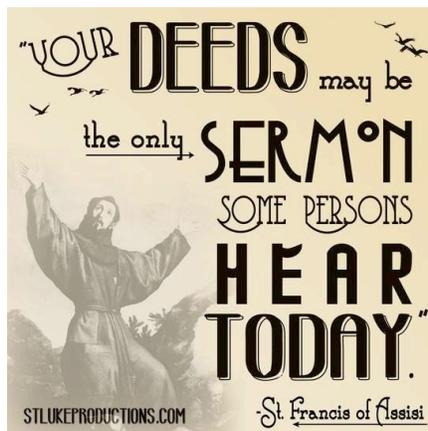
Catholic Parish Outreach - Third Monday each month

A reminder in an article by Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation Coordinator, Carolyn Townes, *Communio*, Summer 2014

"Who are you?"

..... Simply put, you are a wonderfully and uniquely made child of God. The Psalmist tells us that we are "wonderfully and fearfully made" (cf. Psalm 139). This is something no one can take away from you. All other roles and responsibilities may disappear or be stripped away, but you will always be a wonderfully and uniquely made child of God. You can deny it, ignore it, or even not believe it.

..... Becoming more mindful of your daily activities can greatly increase your remembering who you truly are and who you were created to be. "If we are sons and daughters of a loving Creator," Father John (John Dear) states, "then every human being is our sister and brother, and we can never hurt another on earth ever again, much less be silent in the face of war, starvation, racism, sexism, nuclear weapons, systemic injustice, and environmental destruction."



"YOUR DEEDS may be the only SERMON SOME PERSONS HEAR TODAY."

St. Francis of Assisi

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Think About These

Who will you become?

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others." ~ St. Clare of Assisi

Where is the Good Samaritan?

Two social workers were walking through a rough part of the city in the evening. They heard moans and muted cries for help from a back alley. Upon investigation, they found a semi-conscious man in a pool of blood.

"Help me, I've been mugged and viciously beaten." he pleaded.

The two social workers turned and walked away.

One remarked to her colleague, "You know the person that did this really needs help."

OUR NEW AREA 3 COUNSELOR

WELCOME CARMEN MADERO, OFS.
SHE IS THE MINISTER OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY IN FAYETTEVILLE, NC



Next Gathering

June 28, 2015 In the Trinity Center -Top floor@ 1:30 pm
@ St Michael CatholicChurch, 804 High House Road, Cary, NC
Orientation and Candidates Formation starts at 11:45

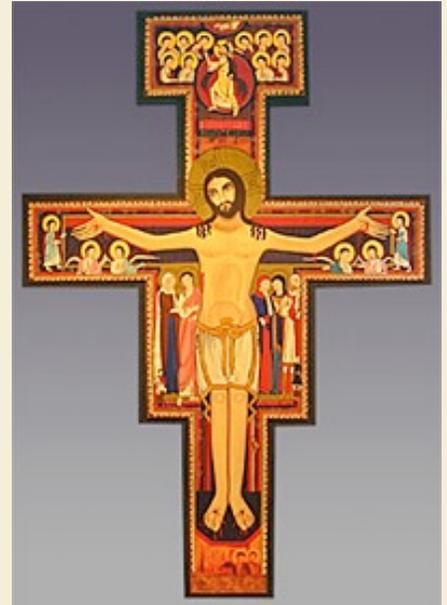


GAZE UPON THE LORD

~ Clare of Assisi

Gaze upon the Lord;
Gaze upon his face;
Gaze upon the one
Who holds you in his embrace.
Gaze upon his love
Gaze upon his coming poor
from heav'n above.
Look upon your Lord;
Look upon his way.
Look upon his heart,
Which opens to each day.
Though he was despised,
The lowest of all men,

Look upon his sacred cross
which brings life again.
If you open to life's pain,
Then with him you shall reign
And allow your heart to weep,
Then with him you'll rejoice.
Open to his cross,
The wounds of each day's love,
Then you'll know the splendor
of his kingdom above.
Gaze upon his life;
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The San Damiano Cross is the one St. Clare gazed upon for 40 years in the monastery of the poor Glares.



Happy June Birthdays

Mary Anne Steinis OFS
June 8
Frank Peluso OFS
June 12
Joanne Jacovec OFS
June 19

On our 21st birthday, we don't care what the world thinks of us; only later we discover that it wasn't thinking of us at all.

God loves each of us as if there was only one of us. ~ St. Augustine

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Whom do we see?

- For **Hospitality** suggestions see Marie Roccoforte, OFS.
- For **Sunshine** call Marge Zombek, OFS to have a card sent to someone.
- For info on **JPIC** (Oak City Center and CPO Coordinator) & **Website** see Sharon Winzeler, OFS (All past newsletters are on the website!)
- **Prayer Requests:** Coordinator needed
- **Scrapbook**- See Ida Irwin, OFG
- Our superb **library** is maintained by Maureen Copan, OFS ~~~~~**Help yourself to wisdom!**
- To add items to the **Newsletter** contact Frank Peluso, OFS.
- We're on the **Web!** Go to: <http://ofscentralnc.org/>