

The Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region  
Secular Franciscan Order

the  
**PADRE PIO FRATERNITY**

"Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self."  
— Francis of Assisi



*Is it I Lord?*

"May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what *hope* his call holds for you, how rich is the *glory* of the heritage he offers among his holy people..." because "there is only one hope to which you are called, the *one of your vocation*" (Eph 1:18-19; 4:4)

## A Paternal & Fraternal Visit

The fraternal visit is a moment of communion, an expression of the service and concrete interest of the secular leaders at the various levels, so that the fraternity may grow and be faithful to its vocation. It is an opportunity for each of us to grow as we share. The pastoral visit is to guarantee and to promote the observance of the SFO Rule and Constitutions as well as fidelity to the Franciscan charism." *From the Constitution*

The BSSF Regional Executive Council members who will conduct our fraternity's fraternal and pastoral visitation on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> are: Willie Guadalupe, OFS, Pastoral Visitor from Newman, GA; Regional Minister Jerry Rosseau OFS Pastoral Visitor from Blairsville, GA; and Area 3 Councilor Carmen Madero, OFS Fraternal Observer from Fayetteville, NC. We welcome them whole-heartedly."

During the fraternal and pastoral visitation, Willie, Paula and Carmen will meet with the Council to review each elected council member's notebooks, records, documentation and questionnaire responses. They will discuss items such as our treasury, group apostolates, formation programs, retreats, spiritual observances and fellowship gatherings. Willie will be visiting with Father Doug. They will also participate in Inquiry and Candidacy Formation as well as our monthly fraternity gathering and Ongoing Formation.

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**IRONY IN CUBA** - Pontiffs don't normally traffic in irony, but Pope Francis delivered a major dose of it Sunday by celebrating a Catholic Mass in Havana's Revolution Square, a space synonymous with a Communist Party that until recently banned religious believers, and one that remains dominated by images of revolutionary heroes such as Che Guevara. On this day, however, a massive banner of Jesus Christ also loomed over the square with the motto, "Come to me." By John L. Allen Jr. *Associate editor* September 20, 2015



## Congregation for Social Justice (CSJ)



On July 7, 2015 four members of Padre Pio Fraternity joined more than 200 people affiliated with the Congregation for Social Justice, CSJ at the Raleigh City Council meeting to address the lack of affordable housing in Raleigh. Those there wore White Shirts, a tradition dating back to April 1, 2008 when the CSJ came before the City Council addressing concerns for the lack of affordable housing.

In August of 2006, CSJ was formed and would focus on advocacy rather than service; the faith-based nature of the group would be highlighted; the focus would be on Raleigh, though it was acknowledged that issues on the county and state level were likely to be addressed; and that attendees at the monthly meeting were representing their congregations/organizations and not just acting as individuals.

The CSJ Missions Statement; "Congregations for Social Justice is a coalition of Raleigh faith communities committed to advocating for public policies that create a better Raleigh for all people; working for social justice in solidarity with our most vulnerable neighbors; and building a sustainable, diverse network of relationships across our faith communities and with other partners."

With a specific agenda of; advocating for better affordable housing policies and better community corrections policies for those leaving the prison system and searching for employment and housing. CSJ continues to meet monthly and address the issues of housing, and corrections policies.

by Ellen Ferrone



### Quotes from Pope Francis' Laudato Si



~ Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. (#202) ~ Along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society. When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics, we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality, which is an exercise of charity and, as such, matures and sanctifies us. (#231)

## Please Help !!

Sign up for **Oak City Outreach** -see Ellen Ferrone!

Sign up for **CPO** see Joanne Jacovec, OFS

## Our Servant Helpers

For **Hospitality** suggestions see Marie Roccoforte, OFS!

For **Sunshine** see Marge Zombek, OFS!

For info on **JPIC & Website** see Sharon Winzeler, OFS

For **Prayer Requests:** See Susan Stamey!

For our **history** and **scrapbook** - go to Ida Irwin, OFS!

Our magnificent **library** is maintained by Maureen Copan, OFS~~~Help yourself to SFO info !

To add items to the **Newsletter** contact Frank E. Peluso, OFS!

## We're on the Web!

Go to:  
<http://ofscentralnc.org/>

## Congratulations

to  
**Ida Irwin**  
for her 60 years  
of  
Profession  
Oct. 9, 1955

*Happy Anniversary!*



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# Overview for October 2015

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. October falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green.

## The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of October 2015

Universal: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

(See also [www.apostleshipofprayer.net](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.net))

## Franciscan Saints for October

03 St. John of Dukla, priest, I Ord

03 Transitus of St. Francis

04 Our Holy Father St. Francis

06 St Mary Francis of the Five Wounds 1715-1791

10 St. Daniel and Companions

**11. St. John XIII, pope, III Ord.** Pope John was captivated by the Franciscan Order and charism. He once exclaimed: "What a mystery! What a mystery this Franciscanism!" Pope John explained the origin of his vocation as a Secular Franciscan "When he was still very young, I would see the humble and modest friars who edified me very much passing nearby my house. They often invited me to the Franciscan friary of Baccanello to pray in solitude and recollection." While a young adolescent, he was received as a Secular Franciscan. The guardian of Baccanello said: "He (Angelo Roncalli) once reminded me that I am a poor cardinal before being your protector; but also I enjoy the heartfelt sentiments of a humble and faithful Secular Franciscan." He wrote to the guardian of the friary of Baccanello in 1956: "Fraternizing with the sons of St. Francis accompanies and sweetens my spirit for the whole year." During a visit as pope to Bellegra friary in the Franciscan province of Rome on 25 August 1959, he told the friars: "At one time I thought of following the humble friars of Baccanello, but then a stronger wind blew me on to another road." And on departure from Bellegra friary, he said: "Too bad that I must go! When I am here with my brothers, I do not think of time constrictions."

12 St. Seraphin of Montegrano 1540-1604

20 Blessed James of Strepar

20 Blessed Contardo Ferrini 1859-1902

21 Blessed Josephine Leroux 1748-1794

22 St. Peter of Alcantara 1499-1562

23 St. John of Capistrano 1385-1456 See Article below.

26 Bl Bonaventure of Potenza -1711

**Council Members**  
Spiritual Assistant:  
Rev. Douglas P. Reed

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**BSSF Region**  
Minister:  
Jerry Rousseau, OFS

Area 3 Councilors  
Carmen Madera, OFS  
Frank Massey, OFS

Next Gathering  
Oct. 23., 2015  
The Catholic Community of  
St. Francis of Assisi,  
11401 Leesville Rd, Raleigh,  
NC 27613  
in the  
Lifelong Education Siena  
Center.  
Rooms 751 and 752  
Map in parking lot by church  
Formation  
groups meet from 10:00 am  
to 12:30 pm  
Fraternity Gathering at 1:00  
pm - 3:30 pm



**I Love you this much!**

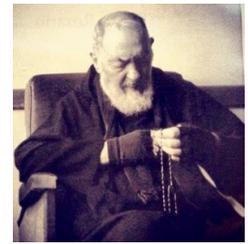
"Let the Church  
always be a place of  
mercy and hope  
where everyone is  
welcomed, loved and  
forgiven."  
~ Pope Francis



# The Franciscan Crown Rosary

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## Padre Pio's Weapon Against Evil



The **Franciscan Crown** (or Seraphic Rosary) is a rosary consisting of seven decades in commemoration of the Seven Joys of the Virgin, namely, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity of Jesus, the Adoration of the Magi, the Finding in the Temple, the Resurrection of Jesus, and finally, both the Assumption of Mary and the Coronation of the Virgin. Devotion to the seven joys of Mary is found in a variety of forms and communities.

### The Transitus of St. Francis

We are invited by Joanita Nellenbach  
OFS  
to join her and retreatants  
for the  
*Transitus of St. Francis*  
on Saturday evening  
after dinner about 7:00 pm on Oct 3, 2015  
with renewal of OFS commitment  
In the Chapel of the Avila Retreat Center  
711 Mason Rd., Durham, NC 27712



### The San Damiano Cross Spoke to St. Francis and Is Speaking to Us” - A Franciscan Formation

Opportunity –

Mini Retreat with Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM  
Two offerings on Tuesday, October 27 –  
9:30-10:30 am in the Padua Room and 7:00-8:00  
pm in Founders Room

Light refreshments served at both sessions  
Childcare available for evening session in Clare  
Room 204

**No charge**

To register: <http://stfrancisraleigh.org/>

### + Beatrice Sanford, OFS's Permanent Profession +

Beatrice Sanford, OFS's permanent profession has been scheduled for Saturday, November 14 during the 5:30 pm Mass at Saint Bede Catholic Church, Williamsburg, VA. Two other candidates from Our Lady of Rosary Fraternity will also be making their vows; Bea, said, "I am honored they are sharing the day with me." Bea started her Franciscan journey with us a few years ago as an orientee and then as an inquirer and candidate. We are so proud that she continued after she left here, moving twice, Some of us are still in contact with her. Let us pray that she has a holy and beautiful profession.



### Pope Francis Welcomed in the U.S. with Affectionate Cheers

It would be impossible for us to put in all the breathtaking things Pope Francis said to the U.S. people.. Not only was he welcomed with affectionate cheers, but left behind the spirit of solidarity, respect, compassion, and love. One of the suggestions, he exhorted was, "But there is another temptation which we must especially guard against: the simplistic reductionism which sees only good or evil; or, if you will, the righteous and sinners. The contemporary world, with its open wounds which affect so many of our brothers and sisters, demands that we confront every form of polarization which would divide it into these two camps."

CNN news notes: "An ordained reverend raised as a conservative Baptist admits to having a "man crush" on the guy. A rabbi long-steeped in the climate crisis credits him for mobilizing Jews to action. An imam from Syria thanks him for protecting his family and people. One self-described 'staunch atheist' called the Pope a 'cool cat' on Twitter."

