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# Padre Pio Fraternity

## Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

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### Ongoing Formation

Our study of Marco Bartoli's *St. Clare: Beyond the Legend* came to a wrap during the fraternity meeting (via Zoom) on May 23, with a presentation led by our very own Dave Shick, OFS covering the final two chapters ("Diamantes" and "War and Peace").

St. Clare embraced poverty, as did the sisters in the order which she founded. The Poor Clare Sisters were to maintain their vows of poverty. All this seems pretty straightforward, right? It wasn't!

During the final three decades of her life, St. Clare often found herself at odds with the Magisterium, led by Pope Gregory IX, and then Innocent IV, which wanted none of the religious orders to embrace poverty. St. Clare, a faithful daughter of the Church, remained a stubborn follower of Our Lord in her insistence. Both of the Holy Fathers relented, giving exceptions to allow the Poor Clares to embrace poverty. Pope Innocent IV finally approved her Rule just two days before her death in 1253.



St. Clare and St. Francis were both exceptional people in a world filled with conflict. They understood that the true key to peace without was peace within, that the first victory to be sought is within one's self, over every form of hatred and resentment. As St. Clare proved, throughout her life and especially during a 1244 assault on Assisi, such gentleness often conceals boldness which will perplex any outside threat.

## **Holy Father's Intention for June – The Beauty of Marriage**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

## **The Sacred Heart of Jesus –**

In Catholic churches and homes, one of the most popular images of Jesus is the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the image of God's love revealed in the pierced heart of His Son. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end.

Love has always been associated with the heart, so it was only natural that the love of God became represented by a heart, the heart of his Son Jesus. In him, God the Father revealed his infinite love for us. On the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Church was born from the pierced heart of Jesus on the cross. In the first creation, Eve was born from the side of Adam. In the new creation, the Church was born from the side of Jesus. The Bride from the Heart of the Bridegroom!

<https://todayscatholic.org/the-sacred-heart-of-jesus/>

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**Sr. Maryann Jenkins, OSC – June 2**

**Frank Peluso, OFS – June 12**

**Joanne Jacovec, OFS – June 19**

**Sr. Sharon Ratteree, OSC – June 19**

**Sr. Mary Marguerite John, OSC – June 21**

## June – Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. Bl. Felix of Nicosia, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d/ 1787
2. Bl. John Pelingotto, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1304
3. Bl. Andrew of Spello, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1254
4. St. Francois Caracciolo, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1608
5. Bl Pacific of Cerano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482
6. Bl. Lawrence of Villamagna, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1535
7. Bl. Himiliana Cerchi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1246
8. Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1958
9. Bl. Innocent Guz, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1940
10. Bl. Edouard Poppe, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924
11. Bl. Yolanda of Hungary, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1298
12. Bl. Floride Cevoli, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1767
13. St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers
14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1936
15. St. Vincenta Gerosa, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1847, and Saint Mary Bartholomea Capitanio.
16. Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1888
17. Bl. Peter Gambacorti, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1435
18. Bl. Guy of Cortona, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1250
19. Bl. Achille Puchata, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
20. Bl. Micheline de Pesaro, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1356
21. Bl. Herman Stapien, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
22. St. Thomas More, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1943
23. St. Joseph Cafasso, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1860
24. Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25. Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1232
26. Bl. Frederick Jassoone, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1916
27. Bl. Marguerite Baeyts, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1879
28. St. Barthelemie Capitanio, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1833
29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence
30. Bl. Raymond Lulle, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1315

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## Words of Faith by Padre Pio

“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.” - from the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (written by Sr. Margaret Mary Alacoque) which Padre Pio recited daily for all who requested his prayers. <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-prayer-to-the-sacred-heart-311>

## Items of Interest

-the next book that we shall explore for ongoing formation will be *Letters from Birmingham Jail*, by Martin Luther King Jr. It is a short work, which may be downloaded, or easily purchased on Amazon.

-Oak City Cares is taking transitional steps toward resuming normal (pre-pandemic) services. Do keep an eye out for Sign-up Genius in your emails. Also, if you feel called to step up and take charge of coordination for our service at Oak City Cares, please do contact Sharon Winzeler!

-ARG is still on for the second week in August. Please reach out to Ellen Ferrone if you are interested in attending and meeting with fellow brothers and sisters from the region.



*Our next gathering, via Zoom, will be held on June 27, 2021*