
PADRE PIO FRATERNITY

Brothers and Sisters of St Francis Region

Ongoing Formation

Our meeting on June 27 featured a presentation and discussion of Martin Luther King's *Letters from Birmingham Jail*, penned during King's eight days in jail as a response to eight clergymen who had urged him to abandon a boycott which he'd led in 1963.

Sharon Winzeler, OFS, Joan Monti, OFS, and Anna Rzewnicki, OFS, gifted us with a presentation explaining the background and circumstances leading up to the Birmingham boycott. This included Dr. King's own inspirations in civil disobedience, a historical background of the Montgomery Bus boycott some years earlier which was sparked by the arrest of Rosa Parks, as well as several of the largely unsung heroes in the movement to end segregation in the South.

Segregation's legal end came about in the 1960's, largely in thanks to the efforts of Dr. King, who fell victim to an assassin's bullet in 1968. But how far have we moved in the quest for equality and justice in those years since? As Franciscans, what role do we have in this quest?

These are questions we continue to ask ourselves today.



“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Holy Father’s Intention for July – Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Words of Faith by Padre Pio:

Cover me with the *most precious blood* of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. – from a Healing Prayer
<https://holyfamilyparishssm.ca/news/the-most-powerful-healing-prayer-by-st-padre-pio>



Anniversaries:

Sharon Winzeler, OFS, Maureen Copan, OFS, and Suzie Nelson, OFS, will all be celebrating seven years as a Secular Franciscan on July 12

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A Reflection for the 4th of July



“Freedom does not mean that right to do whatever we please, but rather to do as we ought. The right to do whatever we please reduces freedom to a physical power and forgets that freedom is a moral power.” – Archbishop Fulton Sheen, a great American



Christ Peffley, OFS – July 2

Victoria Romero, OFS – July 5

Sr. Bernadette Cappola, OSC – July 7

Sr. Carolyn Forgette, OSC – July 10

Sr. Claudia Phillips, OSC – July 18

July – Month of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

1. Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady
3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1886
4. 40 Martyrs of China, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900
5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1865
6. St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr, Corderbearer, d. 1902
7. Bl. Oddino Barrotti, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1400
8. St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1336
9. St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1727
10. 8 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Damas, d. 1860
11. 11 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Holland, d. 1572
12. Sts. Geoffrey and Joachim, Priests, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyrs 1679
13. St. Francis Solano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1610
14. St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1274
15. Bl. Bernard of Baden, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1458
16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel; St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1846
17. Bl. Pierre De Foligno, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1614
18. St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1614
19. St. Vincent de Paul, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1660
20. St. Jerome Emilien, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1537
21. St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Capuchin religious, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619
22. Bl. Angelina of Marciano, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1435
23. Bl. Louise of Savoy, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1503
24. Bl. Modestin de Jesus-Marie, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1864
25. Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop, Conventual religious, d. 1752
26. St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
27. Bl. Mary Magdalene Martinengo, Virgin, Capuchin, d. 1737
28. Bl. Marie-Therese of the Infant Jesus, Virgin, Capuchin, martyr 1941
29. Bl. Alphonse de l'Immaculee, virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1946
30. St. Leopold de Castelnovo, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1942
31. St. Ignace de Loyola, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1556

Our website is at: <https://ofscentralnc.org/>



Items of Interest:

-Our next book for ongoing formation will be *To Live as Francis Lived: A Guide for Secular Franciscans* by Jovian Weigel, Leonard Foley, and Patti Normile. It is available for purchase on Amazon.

-Oak City Cares will resume evening services (*our last bagging pictured above*), as they were prior to the pandemic, in mid-July. Keep an eye out for email updates.

-ARG will be August 12-14. Please RSVP with Ellen Ferrone, OFS, if you intend to attend. And if cost happens to be an issue, don't be shy to inquire about scholarships!

-A Memorial Mass for our brother Louis Coker, OFS, will be held at the 9 AM service on Monday, July 26 at St. Francis of Assisi Church.



July 13 will be the anniversary of the death of Brother Louis Coker, OFS. He is surely in Heaven, but dearly missed here on Earth.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom (hopefully not for much longer) on July 24, 2021