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# PADRE PIO FRATERNITY

## *Brothers and Sisters of St Francis Region*

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### Ongoing Formation

Our fraternity, well-read as all of us are, is delving into a new book: *To Live as Francis Lived*, by Jovian Weigel, Leonard Foley, and Patti Normile.

Our very own Chris Peffley, OFS, gifted those of us at the Zoom meeting with a first-class, and very informative, presentation on the first chapters. This presentation was an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the words “from Gospel to life and life to Gospel” which we became (and some are becoming) so very familiar with during formation. We know that our conversion to Christ is not simply a one-time event, but an ongoing process, and that we begin again each and every day. We know that Franciscan spirituality places great emphasis on fraternity, that we must rely on one-another and be as reliable to our brothers and sisters as we can be. We know these things, and yet we still need to be reminded of that which we know from time-to-time, since we do indeed begin again every day.

After the presentation we broke into small groups, to reflect upon the meaning of the Gospel and share our insights with one another.



*“We are lay apostles called by Christ to continue his work on earth.”*

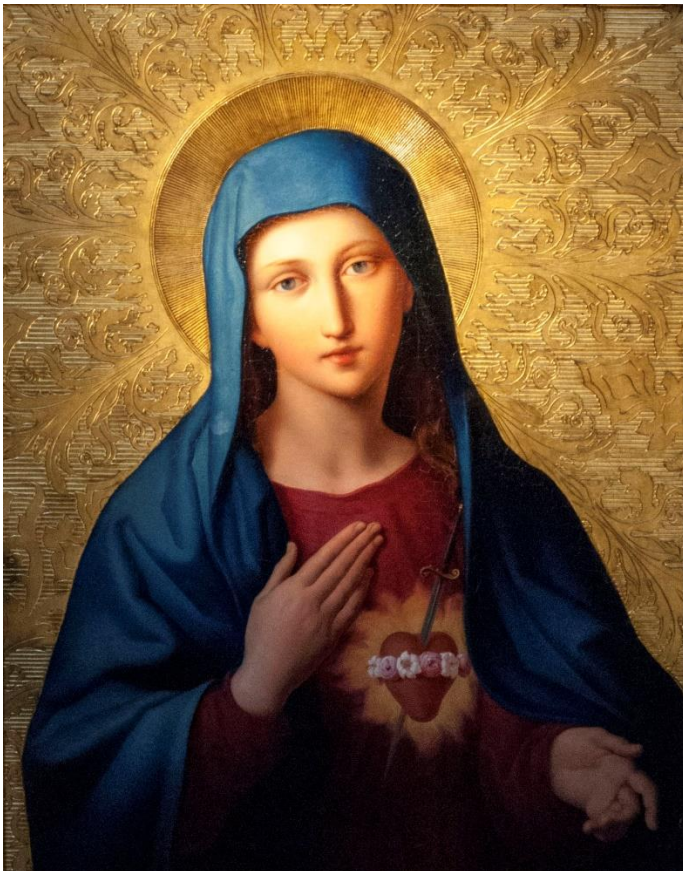
## Holy Father's Intention for August – The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

### Words of Faith by Padre Pio:

“O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart.”

<https://aleteia.org/2018/06/09/padre-pio-prayed-this-prayer-to-the-virgin-mary-every-first-saturday/>



### Anniversaries:

*John Halada, OFS, will be sixteen years a Secular Franciscan on August 28*

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**“I see Mary everywhere. I see difficulties nowhere.”**



*August 14 is the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM, a Polish Franciscan priest, and devoted Marian, who was martyred in the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1944. He was canonized on October 10, 1982, by Pope John Paul II.*



**Sr. Rucia Rauton, OSC – August 3**

**Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM – August 7**

**Sr. Nancy Shively, OSC – August 25**

**Lynn Oeser, OFS – August 30**

## August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. St. Alphonse de Liguori, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1787
2. Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula, Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order
3. St. Pierre-Julien Eymard, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1868
4. St. Dominic, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1221
5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1904
6. Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
7. Bl. Agathange et Cassien, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1638
8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1859
9. Bl. Marie-Marguerite of the Sacred Heart, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924
10. St. Beatrice de Silva, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1492
11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689
12. St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Clares, Plenary Indulgence for Tertiaries (Renewal of Engagements)
13. Bl. Novellon de Faenza, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1280
14. St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
15. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
16. Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1350
17. St. Roch of Montpellier, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1327
18. Blessed Martyrs of Pontons de Rochefort, d. 1794
19. St. Jean Eudes, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1680
20. St. Louis of Anjou, Bishop of Toulouse, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1297
21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1610
22. Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
23. Bl. Bernard of Offida, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1694
24. St. Emilie de Vialar, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1856
25. St. Louis IX, King of France, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
26. Bl. Pierre de Benisa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
27. St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1648
28. St. Junipero Serra, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1784
29. Bl. Jean de Perouse, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231
30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1604
31. Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936

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





### **August 11 is the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi**

#### **Items of Interest:**

-Keep your eyes out for an (in-person!!!) party for our inquirers in the coming weeks. COVID has delayed, but not denied, our ability to give them a proper welcome.

-We are proud to inform you that Oak City Cares has resumed in-person services. If anyone feels called to take a leadership role in this ministry, do not hesitate to tell anyone in the Council!

-Oak City Cares and Catholic Parish Outreach each received a \$125 donation from the BSSF Region, which recently reached out to local fraternities (including ours) about good causes to donate to after having received a generous endowment.

-A volunteer information session will be held at Oak City Cares on Wednesday, Aug. 4. Learn more at <https://oakcitycares.org/volunteer/>

-A discussion via Zoom of Rivera Sun's book, *the Way Between*, will begin on Sunday, September 12. Ellen Ferone, OFS, will be sending an invite, via email, in the near future.

-Coffee and donut (two of our favorite things) services after Mass at St. Francis Church will soon be resuming as well.

-Our old friend, Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM, will be leading our retreat in May 2022. That date will be here soon enough, so mark your calendars if you want to see our former spiritual assistant!

***Our next meeting will be via Zoom (possibly for the last time) on August 22, 2021***