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# **Padre Pio Fraternity**

## **Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region**

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**Let Us Pray for the Repose of the Souls of Deceased Members of our Padre Pio Fraternity Saints of the Seraphic Order.**

On November 29, the Church celebrates the many Franciscan saints who followed in the footsteps of St. Francis. It is a special day for all Franciscans to celebrate the feast of ‘All the Saints of the Seraphic Order.’

**Grace Lambert**, OFS -Professed- 10/4/1984-Deceased 11/28/1985

**A. Gordon Keating**, OFS-Professed 11/25 /1945-Deceased 6/22/1986

**Daniel Skurski**, OFS-Professed 12/4/1987- Deceased 9/04/1994

**Paul Rutz**, OFS - Professed 12/7/ 1986- Deceased 1/30/1995

**Lesley Stinson**, OFS-Professed 10/7/1995/-Deceased 2/13/1996-

**Wally Bauer**, OFS -Professed 09/7/ 1958- Deceased 1/21/1997

**Patricia Stapleton**, OFS-Professed 05/05/1999-Deceased 11/30/2010

**Ron Howe**, OFS professed 10/2/1999--Deceased 1/19/2012

**Jane Sullivan-Farris**, OFS- Professed 5/5/1996-Deceased 03/7/2012

**Louise Friedman**, OFS- Professed-1/2/1983 -Deceased 07/24/2013<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

**Vincent McKone**, OFS’ - Professed-12/13/1953 ~ Deceased January 5, 2015

**Rosemary Ann Schneider** OF S, Founder, Deceased 04/22/2016

**Art Schneider**, OFS Founder, Dates unknown

**Fr. Joseph Madden**, OFM Conv. Jan.30,1935 - April 23, 2019

**Louis Coker**, OFS Professed-06/25/2016 ~ Deceased July 13,2020



## Ongoing Formation

Our gathering began with the welcoming of Jeanette Perez, OFS, and Maureen McFadden, OFS, who are now officially candidates. Sharon Winzeler, OFS, and Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS, presided over the ceremony.

David Schick, OFS gave us a very impressive overview of chapter one of Ilia Delio's *The Humility of God; A Franciscan Perspective*. He did this by elaborating on six main points:

1. God is humble love.
2. This humble love is demonstrated by the Incarnation when God bent low to embrace all in His love.
3. St Francis' profound insight kept God's humble love ever in his sight.
4. Francis was able to see this love in the marginalized, such as the poor and the sick. Thus, the saint imitated Christ's loving ways unconditionally in everyone he met.
5. We become coheirs of Christ, Francis notes, by imitating Christ. He wrote to his friars, "We are his spouses when the faithful soul is united by the Holy Spirit with Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are brothers when we do the 'will of the Father who is in Heaven' (cf Mt 12:50). We are mothers when we bear Him in our hearts and bodies (cf 1 Co 6:20) with divine love and with pure and sincere consciences; and we give birth to him through a holy life which should enlighten others because of our example (Mt 5:16)."
6. We have to enter into the mystery. He called for the friars to be little brothers who must surrender to be like Christ. After this we went into group discussion on reflection questions.

-Frank Peluso, OFS

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Email Sharon Winzeler, OFS

For Oak City Cares:

Email Lee Cunningham, OFS,  
or Marylou Holoway, OFS

For CPO or Library:

Email Maureen Copan, OFS

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Email Gladys Whitehouse, OFS

For Prayer Requests:

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For Scrapbook:

Email Jeanette Cottone, OFS

For Sunshine:

Email Mayra Rangel

For the Newsletter:

Zubair Simonson, OFS

**Holy Father’s Intentions for November –  
People Who Suffer From Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



*The next opportunity to volunteer at Oak City Cares will be November 27*

**Profession Anniversaries:**

Zubair Simonson, OFS, six years professed on November 14.



**Jeanette Perez, OFS – Nov. 9**

**Alexandra Rommel, OFS – Nov. 27**

**Sr. Kathy DeLancey, OSC – Nov. 27**

**Virginia Conway, OFS – Nov. 30**

## November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed – Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. Bl. Helen Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231
4. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. Bl. Margaret of Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521
7. Bl. Raynier of Arezzo, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304
8. Bl. John Duns Scotus, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308
9. Bl. Gabriel Ferritti, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
10. Bl. Louis Guanella, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
11. Bl. Mary Crucifixa, Virgin, the Franciscan 3rd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1826
12. Bl. John of Peace, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1340
13. St. Didacus of Alcala, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463
14. St. Nicholas Tavelich and Companions, Martyrs, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1253
17. Bl. Jane of Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307
18. Bl. Salome of Cracow, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268
19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Virgin Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular, Plenary Indulgence (renewal of Tertiary engagement), d. 1231
20. Bl. Migagros Ortells, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1895
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski, lay brother, Conventual religious, martyr 1942
25. Bl. Humilis of Bisignano, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637
26. St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751
27. St. Francis Anthony Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742
28. St. James of the March, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order
30. Bl. Anthony Bonfadini, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482

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

## Words of Faith by Padre Pio:

“After my death I will do more. My real mission will begin after my death.”

<https://padrepiodevotions.org/a-short-biography/>

## Who is my Neighbor?

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, this is the question the lawyer poses to Jesus. I think you know the rest of the story.

I’m sharing this in light of my participation in the OFS Racial Justice Task Force, which Carolyn Townes is offering. Carolyn is the national JPIC Animator for the Secular Franciscans. I could summarize Carolyn’s words, but I think it’s more powerful sharing her full opening remarks, especially since most of us know her and can probably picture her saying these most profound words.

“What the Samaritan saw, that the two Jewish religious men did not see, was that this was a child of God in need of mercy. And although this Samaritan did not honor the same laws as the Jews did, he only saw (*him*) through the eyes of compassion. And that is what Jesus is attempting to get across to this cheeky lawyer. He wants to inherit eternal life, but Jesus is telling him (*that*) in order to inherit eternal life, just doing the usual is not enough; just going with the status quo won’t get you to heaven. Jesus is telling him that he must be willing to get uncomfortable, he must be willing to take risks, he must be willing to let go of his own gains, and be willing to lay down his own life for the sake of the good of the other.

“Jesus laid his life down for the sake of us all, whether we deserved it or not. Jesus is asking us to do the same. Not that we will be crucified, but something close to a modern-day lynching – being ostracized, being put down, being excluded, being shunned, having to risk becoming unclean for the sake of those who are unheard and unseen. These are the traits of allyship.

“In this work of racial justice, when we speak of being an ally - an ally is someone who makes the commitment and effort to recognize their privilege (based on gender, class, race, sexual identity, etc.) and work in solidarity with oppressed groups in the struggle for justice. Allies understand that it is in their own interest to end all forms of oppression, even those from which they may benefit in concrete ways.

“Allies commit to reducing their own complicity or collusion in oppression of those groups and invest in strengthening their own knowledge and awareness of oppression.

“What this means is that like the lawyer in the gospel passage who wanted to justify himself – he wanted to reduce his own complicity, or collusion, in oppression of the least of these. It is so easy to make excuses or point a finger at someone, or something else, to lessen your own *enemic* behavior (behaving like an enemy).

“To be an ally is to take on this struggle, as if it is your own. It means that you do what is uncomfortable. You are committed to taking a risk, sharing any privilege you have to center marginalized black and brown people. When you see something, you say something. You imagine and act, as if you do not have a choice. You work to dismantle injustice.”

I would like to close this by thanking you all for being such wonderful allies to the moms and dads at CPO with your generous hearts in the diaper donations. We donated ~ 20 boxes of diapers, which could be roughly 2,800 individual diapers, which they hand out in packages of 6, which means you helped 450+ families.

Sometimes being an ally can seem overwhelming, yet if we start with the simple gestures they are multiplied. Peace and all good. -*Ellen Ferrone, OFS*

### **Items of Interest:**

-The reading assignment for our next gathering will be chapter 2 of Ilia Delio’s *The Humility of God: A Franciscan Perspective*.

-CPO will be restarting the distribution of children’s clothing on November 8. Please email Maureen Copan, OFS, if you are interested in volunteer opportunities.

-Our one-day retreat will be on December 4, so mark your calendars now!



*The Transitus of St. Francis was on October 3*

**Our next gathering will be on November 21, 2021 (*before* Thanksgiving weekend)**