
PADRE PIO FRATERNITY

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF St FRANCIS REGION

WELCOME!



September 26, 2021, was a special day for the Padre Pio Fraternity for so many reasons. One of those reasons, obviously, was that we held our first in-person gathering in over a year and a half. Another sixteen reasons why this day was so special were our friends who officially became candidates after participating in the Ritual for Candidacy: David Abell, Rachel Bongiorno, Travis Bongiorno, Mary Cockrill, Mercedes Cooley, Valorie Davis, Brian Denison, Anne Evangelista, Michael Gould, Alma Hammer, Richard Hammer, Marylou Holloway, Kiki McAllister, Nkem Okerke, Jeannette Perez, and Henry Simms.

We are thrilled to have all of you as candidates in the fraternity! Next stop: profession.

Holy Father's Intention for October – Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.



The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is also traditionally known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, since it is celebrated on the anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto, will be on October 7.

<https://catholicgentleman.com/2019/10/our-lady-of-victory-what-the-rosary-can-do-for-us-today/>

Ida Irwin, OFS, will be 66 years professed as a Secular Franciscan on October 9!

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Words of Faith by Padre Pio:

“...If we do what we have always done, what our fathers did before us, we cannot go wrong. Satan wants to destroy this prayer, but in this he will never succeed. The Rosary is the prayer of those who triumph over everything and everyone. It was Our Lady who taught us this prayer, just as it was Jesus who taught us the Our Father.”

“Recite the Rosary and recite it always and as much as you can.”

“In all the free time you have, once you have finished your duties of state, you should kneel down and pray the Rosary. Pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament or before a crucifix.”

“Pay attention to the mysteries. They change at every decade.”

Needless to say, Padre Pio had much to say about the importance of the Rosary. For even more quotes, visit:

<https://www.themarianroom.com/padre-pio-our-lady-and-the-holy-rosary/>



Sr. Mary Connor, OSC – October 2

Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS – October 18

October – Month of the Holy Rosary and the Holy Angels

1. Bl. Nicolas of Forca, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1449
2. Bl. Antoine Chevrier, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1879
3. St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Patron of France; St. Marie-Joseph Tossello, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1880
4. Solemnity of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, d. 1226, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
5. Commemoration of the establishment of the 3 Orders/ Blessed Felicia Meda, Order of Poor Clares, d. 1444
6. St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular
7. Feast of the Holy Rosary
8. St. Bridget of Sweden, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1373
9. Bl. Marie-Angele Truszkowska, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1899
10. St. Francois Borgia, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1572; and St. Daniel and Companions, Religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyrs, d. 1227
11. Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady
12. St. Seraphin of Montegrano, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1604
13. Bl. Pacifique de Valence, lay brother, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
14. St John of Dukla, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1936
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. Bl. Anicet de Dbrzno, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1941
17. Bl. Balthassar of Chiavari, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1490
18. Bl. James of Strepas, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1409
19. St. Peter of Alcantara, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1512
20. Bl. Contardo Ferrini, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1902
21. Bl. Martyrs of Polonais, d. 1941-42
22. Bl. John Baptist Bullaker, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1642
23. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1870
24. Bl. Josephine Leroux, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, martyr 1794
25. Bl. Maria Veronica Masia Ferragut, Bl. Maria Felicidad Masia Ferragut, and Bl. Jesus Masia Ferragut, Virgins, Capuchin religious, Martyrs 1936
26. Bl. Martyrs of the War of Spain, 1936-37
27. Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1711
28. Bl. Anne-Eugenie Picco, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1921
29. Bl. Thomas of Florence, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1447
30. Bl. Angelo of Acre, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1739
31. Bl. Christophe de Cahors, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1272

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

Items of Interest:

-The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi will be Sunday, October 3, at 7:30 pm, at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi

-There is a need for Spiritual Assistants. If you have been professed for five years, or more, consider discerning a role as a spiritual assistant. Training begins in November. More information can be found at <http://www.bssfsfo.org/saprogram/>

-Our annual one-day retreat is coming up fast. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4. Peter Tremblay, OFM, will be our retreat leader. The retreat will begin at 9 am, and will be followed by Mass at 4:15 pm.

-Our old friend Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM, will be leading our annual three-day retreat, which will be May 13-15 at St. Francis Springs

-The plan right now is to continue face-to-face gatherings. As always, they will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month, but the time may be subject to change.



The CPO diaper drop off: an important service that our fraternity provides

Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 24, at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi