

# Padre Pio Fraternity

## Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

### ARG 2021

ARG was held August 13-15 at the Ridgemont Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC. Several members of our very own Padre Pio Fraternity were able to attend. This was the first time that ARG has been held since 2019, due to last year's cancellation because of the COVID epidemic.

ARG is the Annual Regional Gathering, an annual event in which the brothers and sisters from throughout the St. Francis Region gather for prayer, worship, learning, business activities and fellowship. It is a great opportunity to make new friends!



*Look how happy everyone is! Keep that in mind for ARG 2022...*

## **Holy Father's Intention for September – An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle**

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

### **Ongoing Formation –**

In our August meeting David Shick, OFS, and Michael Hancock, OFS, gifted all of us with a first-class presentation in our continuing study of the book *To Live As Francis Lived*. This presentation on chapters 12-15, and 18, reflected on the topics of conversion, penance, reconciliation, poverty, and humility.

We were reminded, as we often need to be reminded, that conversion is a *total* turning to God, a process which is lived out each and every day. Profound gratitude, and the recognition of our own shortcomings, are the two sides of conversion.

St. Francis recognized that sin often attacks us through bodily senses. Every sin (which happens when we are less “good” than we were created to be...meaning often) separates us from God, and has social ramifications. We will never be perfect in this life, but penance and reconciliation, help us to get better, to think about God and others (rather than just ourselves) more, and inch us toward being those beautiful people created in the image of God.

The life of St. Francis is a reminder that humility (the attitude of “we are nothing without God”) is the twin of Christ’s poverty (“we want nothing but God”), which help us lead lives of penance and reconciliation, that we can go on in our ongoing daily, and total, conversion.

We are truly blessed to have reminder such as this, to help each of us live the life which God intends for us!

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## *The Way Between*, by Rivera Sun

### Book Discussion in September

*Everyone loves a good story! In an exciting blend of action, adventure, and fantasy author Rivera Sun boldly takes the genre in a new direction . . . that of waging peace, active nonviolence, and nonviolent movements. Challenging war cultures and military societies, The Way Between brings the skills of resolving conflict, anti-bullying, and ending violence into a coming-of-age story for a new generation of readers.*

Please join us for a discussion at 1 pm on September 12, via Zoom, on the *The Way Between*. This beautifully written book gives us many options for dialogue in these challenging times.

Ellen Ferrone, OFS, will send out a Sign-Up Genius and send out a Zoom link.

We're estimating three sessions to discuss the book.



**Marie Roccoforte, OFS – September 2**

**Stan Driscoll, OFS – September 14**

**Mike Oeser, OFS – September 17**

**Zubair Simonson, OFS – September 18**

**Ellen Ferrone, OFS – September 19**

**Ben Whitehouse, OFS – September 19**

**Jeanne Casciere, OFS – September 20**

**Gail Halada, OFS – September 25**

## September – Month of the Holy Cross

1. Bl Joachim de Albocacer, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
2. Bl. Martyrs de Carmes, d. 1792
3. St. Pius X, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1914
4. St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers
5. Bl. Gentil de Matelica, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1340
6. Bl. Liberatus of Lauro, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1258
7. Bl. Eugenie Picco, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1921
8. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9. Bl. Seraphina Sforza, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1478
10. Bl. Martyrs of Japan, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Seculars, d. 1622-1632
11. Bl. Bonaventure of Barcelona, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1684
12. Feast of the Name of Holy Mary
13. Bl. Apollinaire Franco, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1622
14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15. Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows
16. Bl. Roland de Medicis, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1386
17. Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi
18. St. Joseph de Cupertino, Priest, Conventual, d. 1664
19. Bl. Louis Alleman, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1450
20. St. Francis Mary of Camporosso, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1866
21. Bl. Elizabeth Amodei, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1498
22. St. Ignatius of Santhia, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1773
23. St. Pio of Peitrelcina, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1968
24. St. Pacific of San Severino, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1721
25. St. Nicholas de Flue, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1487
26. Bl. Lucy of Caltagirone, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1400
27. St. Elzear of Sabran, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1323
28. Bl Bernadin of Feltre, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1494
29. Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel
30. Bl. Charles of Blois, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1364

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

## Words of Faith by Padre Pio:

“Have great confidence in God’s goodness and mercy, and He will never abandon you; but don’t neglect to embrace His holy cross because of this.”

<https://www.padrepiodapietrelcina.com/en/quotes-of-padre-pio-padre-pios-words-of-faith/>

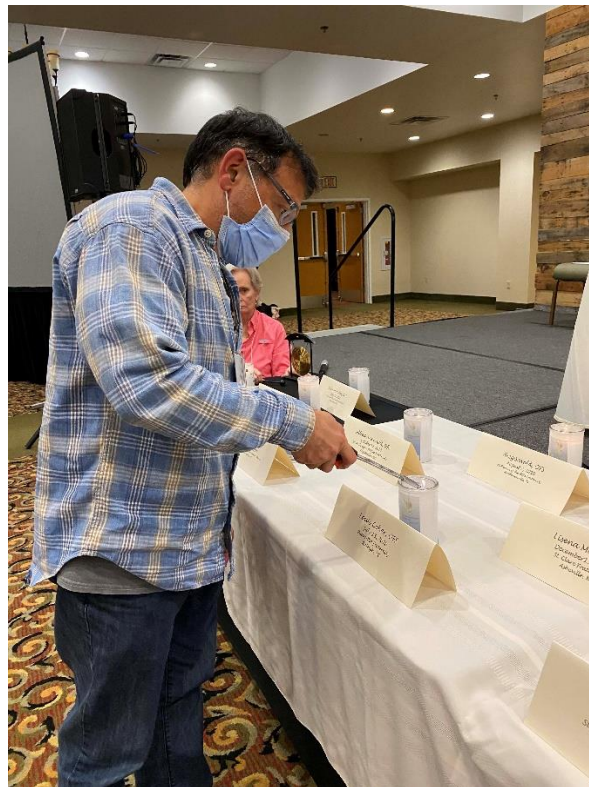
## Items of Interest:

-Our next gathering is scheduled be *in person* at the Clare Hall! Masks will be required. For those who are unable to attend in person, we shall also be streaming the gathering live via Zoom. There will also be envelopes, labeled with names, for anyone who would prefer to donate to the fraternity without having to resort to mail.

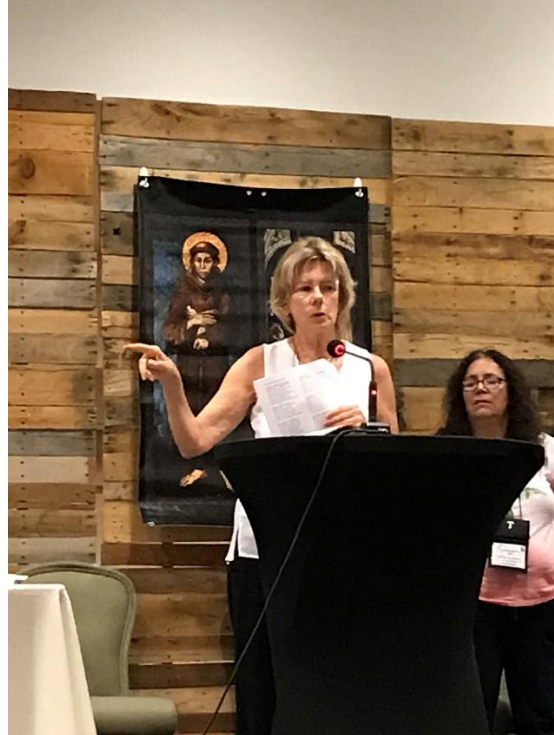
-If anyone is in need of a replacement name tag, please contact Lee Cunningham, OFS, at [emcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:emcunningham@gmail.com) ASAP. New members will be receiving name tags (at no cost to them), and she can include replacements in that order (at cost) for anyone who needs one.

-A big thank you to Lee Cunningham, OFS, and Marylou Holloway for taking on the task to be our new coordinators for Oak City Cares!

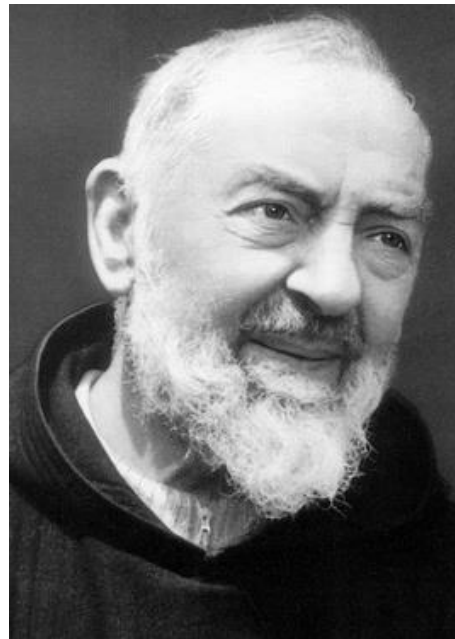
-Mark your calendars for December 5, the day of our fraternity’s retreat.



*David Shick, OFS, lights a candle in memory of Louis Coker, OFS at the ARG Retreat.*



*Our very own Ellen Ferrone, OFS, looks so at ease when she's speaking at ARG!*



***September 23 will be the Feast of St. Padre Pio, and also the anniversary of the professions of Marge Zombek, OFS, and Joanne Jacovec, OFS, who became Secular Franciscans in 1975 and 2000 respectively.***

***Our next gathering will be on September 26***