



"I have done what is mine to do; may Christ teach you yours!" —Francis of Assisi

As I participated in a spectacular and inspiring Vigil Mass this Easter one phrase kept resounding through my head: "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song." This phrase attributed to St. Augustine back in the fourth century perfectly sums up the joy and hope that is our birthright in Christ Jesus. Especially coming shortly after the stark reality of Good Friday and the fallow anticipation of Holy Saturday the Easter Alleluia bursts forth with a force and enthusiasm that cannot be contained by mere words. We must sing! We must rejoice! To do otherwise leaves us unfulfilled like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, "were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?"

Now of course it's hard to maintain that level of enthusiasm indefinitely, especially when life brings us down. But for the next several weeks at least we as church will punctuate our liturgical prayer with lots of Alleluias to make sure we don't forget the joy and witness of the Resurrection.

And like the Easter candle burning bright may the spirit of Easter carry us throughout the year. —Bob

Gospel: Third Sunday of Lent Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

This month's Fraternity Gathering

April 15, 2017 12:30 p.m. – Pot luck and gathering

Holy Family Catholic Church, lower level
2430 West 3rd St., Duluth
Park in the lower (gravel) parking lot

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer: Franz
2. Liturgy of the Hours: Jane
3. Gospel sharing: Darlene
4. Ongoing formation: Bob, "Mercy and Minority in the Franciscan Tradition," Part I, Dan Horan
5. Review Visitation Report
6. Announcement: Free community showing of *The Sultan and the Saint*
7. Business:
 - a) Stewardship prayer and collection
 - b) Approve March minutes
 - c) May meeting ministries:
Opening prayer:
Loth:
Gospel sharing:
Formation: Keith, TBD.
 - d) Finance report, payments, approvals
 - e) Formation and JPIC reports
 - f) Other?
8. Vocations and closing prayers

Next month's meeting: May 20, 2018

JPIC – (Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation)

Courtesy of Sr. Brenda Szegedy, OSF from King's House retreat center. So often the meaning of something depends on the perspective we bring to it.

Refugees

*They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or I
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way*

(Now read from bottom to top)

—Brian Bilston

Reminder: We are serving at Damiano on Saturday April 14 from 8:30 – 1:30. Thank you!

—Jane



The Sultan and the Saint

Free Community showing

Monday, April 16
7:30 p.m.

Zeitgeist Teatro
222 E Superior Street
Duluth

(218) 722-1900

Council Meeting Agenda

Council meeting will immediately follow the fraternity meeting.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approve minutes
3. Review agenda
4. Follow up on Visitation Report
5. Formation plan for Returning Members
6. Other
7. Comments, questions from fraternity members
8. Other business
9. Closing Prayer

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from our Regional Formation Director, Margi Florence OFS:

I am sorry to inform you that the workshop scheduled for Saturday May 19th at Assisi Heights, Rochester MN has to be rescheduled for a later date. The reasons being several, 1) low registration 2) lack of staff to present a quality workshop 3) tight schedule of events within the order.

ODDS 'N' ENDS

We all learned a new term at last month's meeting: Sanatio in radice. It literally means in Latin, "healing in the root," but means in our context that Darlene's profession has received a retroactive validation. Thanks to Tim and Kathy for confirming what we all knew: Darlene is truly an SFO. —Bob

Prayer of St. Francis to Mary

Holy Virgin Mary, among the women born into the world,
there is no one like you.
Daughter and servant of the most high and supreme King
and of the Father in heaven,
Mother of our most Holy Lord Jesus Christ,
Spouse of the Holy Spirit,
pray for us with St. Michael the Archangel,
all the powers of heaven and all the saints
at the side of your most holy beloved Son,
our Lord and Teacher.