



Pater Noster Fraternity

Queen of Peace Region
Newsletter – June 2018

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church
Gonderinger Parish Center
16701 S St., Omaha, NE 68135

Vision:

“The Pater Noster Secular Franciscan Fraternity exists to bring Christ’s love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness to a world in need of God.”

Mission:

“The mission of Pater Noster Fraternity is to proclaim, and witness to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspired by the example of St. Francis and St. Clare, we strive to humbly serve all people, especially the poor and forgotten. We celebrate joyfully the gift of life in all creation and recognize God’s living presence in the world.”

On Going Formation May 2018 - Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love: Chapter 1; June Chapter 2

Initial Formation May 2018 - The Franciscan Journey: Chapter 14; June Chapter 15

Council Officers as of April 2018 – Please pray for them as they are praying for us.



Left to right:

SA: Sr. Mary Ann Schmieding, OSF

Councilor 2: Cecilia Padilla, OFS

Minister: Luis Antonio Alvarez, OFS

Vice Minister: Joseph Norman, OFS

Treasurer: Linda Mertz, OFS

Councilor 1: Kent Riesberg, OFS

Formation Director: Andrea Walther, OFS

Secretary: William Whipple, OFS

In the News

Catholic Courses: Sacred Art

Sacred Art: Spiritual Principles for Faithful Interpretation

We all want to truly understand and experience great art - especially religious. But you need more than just learning to value brush strokes, figure placement, and perspective. As a professor and author, Dr. Jem Sullivan is uniquely qualified to present both the artistic elements of great art and the spiritual dimension inherent in Christian art.

How Art Speaks to Us

Religious art is rooted in the theological foundation of the Church - the Incarnation. A painting, sculpture, or fresco can speak the language of the Incarnation: the Word of God. Professor Sullivan will teach you how to see that language spoken in art, how to hear it, and how to receive it into your heart. She introduces concrete tools for rediscovering the profound messages of religious art that are too often overlooked.

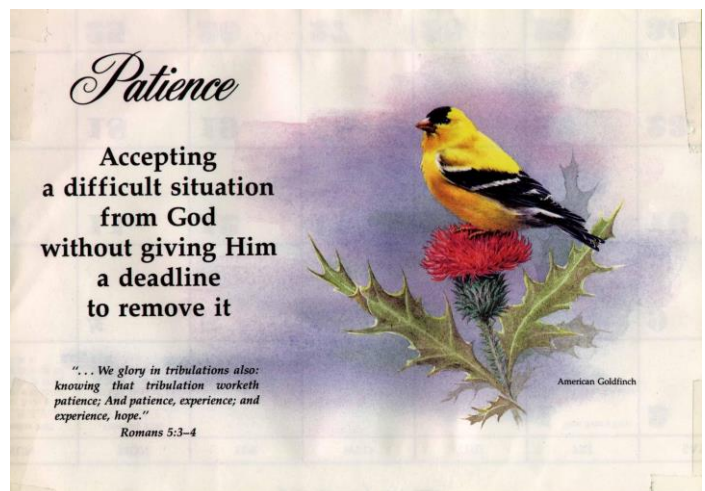
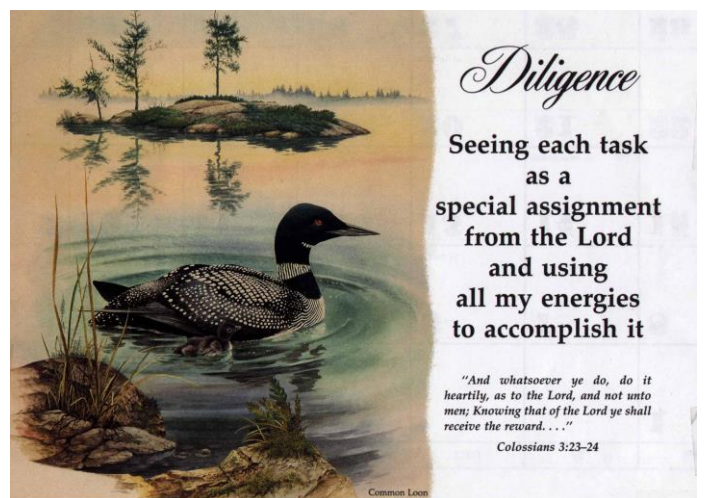
Develop a True Appreciation for Great Art

You are invited to join Professor Sullivan on a journey through the 2,000-year history of the Church, during which you will learn not only how to appreciate art, but how genuine masterpieces can serve as a spiritual aid. With Professor Sullivan, you can finally realize your goal of developing a true appreciation for the religious masterworks of Western Civilization.

Note: Dave Garrett, has this on DVD in case someone would like to borrow it.

Focus on the Franciscan Journey

Bill Gothard's Character Sketches





Great pic of our Ministers at the Minister's Gathering in Buffalo MN June 2018: seated Sr. Mary Ann Schmieding, OSF(SA); Joseph Norman, OFS (Vice Minister); standing Luis Antonio Alvarez, OFS (Minister)

Calendar of Events: This will be a list of upcoming events. Regardless of the timeframe, it will be a rolling list, so as soon as events occur they will be removed, to include a Franciscan saint to focus on.

Prayer requests and Praise reports:

- Healing for Sr. Mary Ann's brothers: Michael and Francis.
- Healing for Dave's one-year-old granddaughter Leyna, who may need a feeding tube surgically inserted into her stomach.
- An increase in vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order and all the Franciscan family.
- An end to abortion and euthanasia.
- That all who go by the name of Christian may attain true Christian unity in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Dear St. Isidore, help Luis resolve his technology issues.



FYI: St. Isidore of Seville is my[Dave Garret's] confirmation name.

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=58

Lamentations 3:22-23

The LORD's acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning. Great is your faithfulness!



Saint of the month

Blessed Raymond Lull

Saint of the Day

June 26

(c. 1235 – June 28, 1315)

Blessed Raymond Lull's Story

Raymond worked all his life to promote the missions and died a missionary to North Africa.

Raymond was born at Palma on the island of Mallorca in the Mediterranean Sea. He earned a position in the king's court there. One day a sermon inspired him to dedicate his life to working for the conversion of the Muslims in North Africa. He became a Secular Franciscan and founded a college where missionaries could learn the Arabic they would need in the missions. Retiring to solitude, he spent nine years as a hermit. During that time he wrote on all branches of knowledge, a work which earned him the title "Enlightened Doctor."

Raymond then made many trips through Europe to interest popes, kings, and princes in establishing special colleges to prepare future missionaries. He achieved his goal in 1311, when the Council of Vienne ordered the creation of chairs of Hebrew, Arabic, and Chaldean at the universities of Bologna, Oxford, Paris, and Salamanca. At the age of 79, Raymond went to North Africa in 1314 to be a missionary himself. An angry crowd of Muslims stoned him in the city of Bougie. Genoese merchants took him back to Mallorca, where he died. Raymond was beatified in 1514. His Liturgical Feast Day is June 30.

Reflection

Raymond worked most of his life to help spread the gospel.

Indifference on the part of some Christian leaders and opposition in North Africa did not turn him from his goal. Three hundred years later Raymond's work began to have an influence in the Americas.

When the Spanish began to spread the gospel in the New World, they set up missionary colleges to aid the work. Saint Junípero Serra belonged to such a college.