



Pater Noster Fraternity

Queen of Peace Region

Newsletter – August 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 2018 -

Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love
August Chapter 3; September Chapter 4

Initial Formation 2018 -

The Franciscan Journey:
August Chapter 16; September Chapter 17

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

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Secretary: William Whipple, OFS

Saint of the Month-(Two this Newsletter!)

St. Clare of Assisi - August 11



Feast Day: August 11

Patron of eye disease, goldsmiths, laundry, television

Birth: 1194

Death: 1253

Canonized By: Pope Alexander IV on September 26, 1255

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Portiuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ.

In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery.

Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty."

In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters.

"O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

Saint of the Month (Two this Newsletter!)

St. Junipero Serra – July 1



Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Majorca on November 24, 1713, and took the name of Junipero when in 1730, he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737, he taught [philosophy](#) and theology at the University of [Padua](#) until 1749.

At the age of thirty-seven, he landed in [Mexico](#) City on January 1, 1750, and spent the rest of his [life](#) working for the [conversion](#) of the peoples of the New World.

In 1768, Father Serra took over the missions of the Jesuits (who had been wrongly expelled by the government) in the Mexican province of Lower [California](#) and Upper [California](#) (modern day California). An indefatigable worker, Serra was in large part responsible for the [foundation](#) and spread of the Church on the West Coast of the United

Feast day: July 1

Patron of Vocations

Birth: 1713

Death: 1784

Beatified By: Pope John Paul II

Canonized By: September 23, 2015, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., by Pope Francis

He founded twenty-one missions and converted thousands of Indians. The converts were taught sound methods of agriculture, cattle raising, and arts and crafts.

Junipero was a dedicated religious and missionary. He was imbued with a penitential [spirit](#) and practiced austerity in sleep, eating, and other activities. On August 28, 1784, worn out by his apostolic labors, Father Serra was called to his eternal rest. He was [beatified](#) by Pope [John Paul II](#) on September 25, 1988. Pope Francis canonized him in Washington, D.C., on September 23, 2015. His statue, representing the state of California, is in National Statuary Hall. His [feast day](#) is July 1.

States when it was still mission territory.

Calendar Of Events:

August 22, 2018:

20th Anniversary of the Canonical Establishment of Pater Noster Fraternity, Omaha, NE

September 8, 2018:

Canonical Establishment of Spiritus Sanctus Fraternity, Brainerd, MN
All Saints Catholic Church
16898 Carlson Lake Rd.
Brainerd, MN 56401

September 15, 2018:

Day of Recollection

Hosted by St. Clare Fraternity, Omaha
At New Cassel Retirement Center
Presenter: Fr. Stephen McMichael, OFM Con
The Tree of Life by St. Bonaventure

October 3, 2018:

Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
Omaha, NE
7:00 PM

Prayer requests and Praise reports:

- For the poor and forgotten.
- For our Franciscan brothers and sisters and family members who are ill and alone.
- For an increase of vocations to the Franciscan communities.
- For an end to abortion, euthanasia and all offenses against life.
- For the recently departed, that they may be embraced in the arms of our blessed Lord.
- For the innocent bishops, priests, deacons, and all who work for the kingdom of Christ who are going to suffer for the sins of others.
- For the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, that she will purified more and more.

John 6: 66-69

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.
Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."