



Pater Noster Fraternity

Queen of Peace Region
Newsletter – October 2019
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.”

Come and share with us our Vision and Mission to Omaha, NE and beyond!

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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.”

Council Officers as of April 2018 – Please pray for us as we pray for you.



Left to right:

SA: Sr. Mary Ann Schmieding, OSF
Councilor: Cecilia Padilla, OFS - resigned
Richard Beal, OFS-(not in picture)
appointed to complete term
Minister: Luis Antonio Alvarez, OFS
Vice Minister: Joseph Norman, OFS
Treasurer: Linda Mertz, OFS
Councilor: Kent Riesberg, OFS
Formation Director: Andrea Walther, OFS
Secretary: William Whipple, OFS

Saint of the Month



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Desc: Zdjęcie Marii Angeli Truszkowskiej

Date: July 1899

Author: Siostry Felicjanki

Source: z Archiwum Sióstr Felicjanek

Early Years in Kalisz: Sophia Camille Truszkowska's parents, Joseph and Josephine Rudzińska Truszkowski, who were very devout, instilled in their first child those virtues of piety, social justice and charity that were reflected in their own exemplary lives as loving parents, devout Catholics, and loyal citizens of this world.

From her earliest childhood Sophie distinguished herself with unusual sensitivity for human misery and poverty and gave to the poor every penny that came into her hands.

Blessed Angela Truszkowska

Third Order of Saint Francis

Feast Day: 10 October

Birth: May 16th, 1825 Kalisz, Congress Poland

Death: October 10, 1898 (aged 73) Kraków, Kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria

Venerated: Roman Catholic Church

Beatified: April 18, 1993, St. Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope John Paul II

Foundress: [Felician Sisters](#) The **Felician Sisters**, officially known as the **Congregation of Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi (CSSF)**, is a religious institute of [pontifical right](#) whose members profess public vows of [chastity](#), [poverty, and obedience](#) and follow the evangelical way of life in common. This active-contemplative religious institute was founded in Warsaw, Poland, in 1855, by Sophia Truszkowska, and named for a shrine of [St. Felix](#), a 16th-century [Capuchin](#) saint especially devoted to children.

Recognizing Sophia's sharp intellect and avid curiosity, Joseph Truszkowski was determined to provide their eldest daughter with the best education and cultural upbringing without endangering her frail health.

Growing Up in Warsaw: The family later moved to Warszawa when Joseph Truszkowski was transferred from his judicial appointment as a juvenile court judge in Kalisz to the position of Registrar of Deeds in Warszawa.

Blessed Angela Truszkowska (continued)

Sophia, who was twelve years old at the time, was enrolled in the renowned boarding school conducted by Miss Lehman who placed great emphasis on the religious training of her girls.

During this time Sophia received her First Holy Communion, a spiritual experience that profoundly influenced her adolescent years and brought about a noticeable change in her deportment. She became more docile to her parents, eagerly approached her tasks and conscientiously persevered in the completion of duties that were entrusted to her.

Membership in the Franciscan Third Order:

The dimensions of Sophia's charism began to fall into place. Her gifts of nature and grace and her steadily increasing service to the Church in the personhood of the poor and neglected increased Sophia's involvement in Christ's gospel message of discipleship. Sophia was joined in her work by her cousin and closest friend, Clothilde Ciechanowska. Later that year both young women became lay members in the Franciscan Third Order under the direction of Father Honorat Kozminski at the Capuchin monastery in Warszawa.

After only a short time the increasing number of women and children she was caring for made it necessary for Sophia to transfer the Institute of Miss Truszkowska to larger quarters. Sophia and Clothilde left their homes then to take up residence at the Institute. Here, before an icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, on the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, November 21, 1855, Sophia, who was known by her lay tertiary name of Angela, and Clothilde who was known as Veronica,

solemnly dedicated themselves to do the will of her Son, Jesus Christ, in all things. Hereafter, this was recorded as the official founding day of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice.

When Sophia, however, was seen leading the children to the nearby Capuchin church to pray at the shrine of St. Felix of Cantalice, people began calling them "children of St. Felix." Although Sophia and the other young women, who later joined her, wore no religious habit at the time, the people called them "Sisters of St. Felix." They were popularly referred to as "Felician Sisters," the name by which the community is still known.

After observing these young women and the good work they were accomplishing, Father Benjamin Szymanski, provincial minister of the Capuchins, seriously considered the prospect of their becoming a religious community in the Church and appointed Father Kozminski, as director of the institute with the added responsibility of formulating a rule of life for these young women.

Blessed Angela Truszkowska quotes:

"Jesus wants us to serve Him with a joyful heart."

[Franciscan Media](#)

[All Saints and Martyrs](#)

[Felician Sisters of North America](#)

[Bl. Mary Angela Truszkowska](#)

[Litany of Blessed Mary Angela](#)

Blessed Angela Truszkowska, pray for us!

The Admonitions of St Francis of Assisi

Admonition 1: Evil of one's own will – as “property” – independence – The evil of one's own will.

The Lord said to Adam: Eat from every tree, but do not eat from the tree of good and evil. So he could eat from every tree of paradise, and as long as he had not sinned by going against obedience.

However he eats from the tree of knowledge of the good, who appropriates his own will to himself and prides himself with the good, which the Lord tells him and carries out in him. And so, through the suggestion of the devil and the transgression of the command he partook of the fruit of the knowledge of evil. Accordingly, it took place that he sustained the penalty.

Q1. Is poverty only about material things?

Q2. Was that a fair test for Adam (and with its serious consequences)?

Q3. Adam was clearly given free choice, in the surroundings of so many blessings in the garden – How did Adam handle it?

Q4. Have I ever looked upon my “free will” as “property”, as Francis presents it here? Explain. Is Francis giving his friars a useful image for their lives?

Q5. Are there consequences for disobedience?



Our NEWEST members of the Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis! Steve Carlson, OFS; Nancy Yount, OFS, and David Garrett, OFS(in the suit). Witnessed by Richard Beal, OFS[former Minister], Joseph Norman, OFS, Vice Minister and accepted into the Order by Luis Antonio Alvarez, OFS, Minister. Congratulations to you, Pater Noster Fraternity and the Order! May you be “instruments of peace in Omaha, NE and in the world.”

Calendar Of Events

Annual/Special Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Professions!

October 5th, 2019

Monastery of St Clare

Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

Apologies are in order, the Transitus was held at St John Vianney Catholic Church, Omaha, NE. Considering its importance in our history as Franciscans, we have decided that it will be held every year. All are invited to this celebration. Again, apologies.

**Hail, St. Francis, holy father,
Light and model for us all,
Mirror of all god-like conduct,
Path of gospel righteousness;
Lead us to the realms of heaven,
Free us from our earthly strife.**

Monthly Meetings

Monthly Gathering - 3rd Sunday

Exceptions: (Please confirm before attending.)

- *Jun - Gathering is on the **4th Sunday**, due to Father's Day is on the 3rd Sunday
- **Aug - No Gathering scheduled to facilitate attending the Chapter of Mats - all members are urged to be in attendance. See you there and thank you in advance.**

Initial Formation at 11:30 am

Potluck at 1:00 pm

On-Going Formation at 1:30 PM

Council Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month (*Except in April/December when the Lenten/Advent Retreat will be held*)

On-Going Formation -

FRANCIS of ASSISI and the FUTURE of FAITH
ST. FRANCIS AS SPIRITUAL ROLE MODEL FOR
TODAY'S YOUNG ADULTS

- October 2019 Part 1 Chapter 6
- The closing is from the Ritual for the following months: Feb., May, Aug[Chapter of Mats], Nov.
- For Mar., June, Sep., and Dec. from the Liturgy of the Hours.
- For Jan, April, July, Oct. from the Liturgy of the Twelve Our Fathers - please bring your *Secular Franciscan Companion*

Initial Formation -

The Franciscan Journey:

- October 2019 Chapter 33



A TRIPLE Profession for the Pater Noster Fraternity, Omaha, NE at the Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare of Assisi, Omaha, NE. Pictured from left to right are: Andrea Walther, OFS, Formation Director, David Garrett, OFS, Nancy Yount, OFS, Steven Carlson, OFS, and Luis Antonio Alvarez, OFS, Minister.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to the Poor Clare Sisters of Omaha, NE for allowing us the use of their beautiful monastery for this wonderful occasion. To Rev. Fr. James R. de Anda, for the wonderful celebration of the Mass and inspiring homily - thank you! A big thanks to St. Clare Fraternity, Omaha, NE for sharing in our joy - thank you so very much, Ann Reynek, OFS, Minister and Larry Reynek, OFS, Formation Director.