



# *Pater Noster Fraternity*

Queen of Peace Region

Newsletter – February 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.”

## **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 them as they are praying for us.



Left to right:

**SA:** Sr. Mary Ann Schmieding, OSF

**Councilor:** Cecilia Padilla, OFS

**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



St Hyacintha, born in 1585, belonged to a wealthy and prominent family. Her father was Count Antonio of Mariscotti, her mother descended from the princely Roman family of the Orsini.

After her younger sister had been given in marriage, the disappointed Clarice, as Hyacintha was then called, entered the convent of the Tertiaries at Viterbo, but apparently only as a secular Tertiary. She permitted herself to be supplied with all sorts of things by way of eatables and articles of dress which enabled her to enjoy quite an agreeable and comfortable existence. Her rooms were furnished with much worldly apparatus.

## Saint Hyacintha Mariscotti, T.O.R.

**Feast Day:** 30 January

**Major shrine:** Church of Santa Giacinta Marescotti, Viterbo, Italy

**Note:** (Italian: Giacinta Marescotti)

**Birth:** 16 March 1585 - Vignanello, Viterbo, Papal States

**Death:** 30 January 1640, Age 54, Viterbo, Papal States

**Beatified:** 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII

**Canonized:** 14 May 1807 by Pope Pius VII

**Patronage:** noted for the depth of her spiritual gifts

The spirit of mortification and of penance with which every Tertiary ought to be equipped was in no wise discernible to St Hyacintha de Mariscotti at this point in her life.

Then it happened that she was afflicted with a strange illness, and her confessor was obliged to go to her rooms to administer the sacraments to her. When he saw the worldly and frivolous objects in her cell, he sharply reproved the sick sister.

Following her confessor's advice, she afterward went to the common refectory and there, with a rope around her neck, begged forgiveness of her fellow sisters for the scandal she had given them.

## Saint Hyacintha Mariscotti (continued)

However, it was only after she had invoked the aid of St. Catherine of Siena that she dispossessed herself of all frivolous and unnecessary objects, and thereupon resolutely entered upon a life of heroic virtue.

She began to lead a very penitential life, in which she persevered unto the end. She went barefoot, wore an old habit that had been discarded by another sister, and performed the lowliest and most trying tasks. She ate only inferior food with which she mixed bitter herbs. Her bed consisted of a few bare boards, on which there was but a single blanket; a stone served as her pillow.

Jan 30 - Homily: St Hyacinth Repentant Nun

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBM0fluBoQU>

She fostered a special devotion to the sufferings of Christ; and in memory of them, she subjected herself to special austerities on Fridays and in Holy Week. She also entertained a filial love for Mary, the Mother of Mercy, who sometimes appeared to her and comforted her.

Enriched by every virtue and held in great repute by her fellow sisters, St Hyacintha de Mariscotti died in the 55th year of her age, in the year of our Lord 1640. Many miracles occurred at her grave for which reason Pope Benedict XIII placed her in the ranks of the blessed.

In the year 1807, she was canonized by Pope Pius VII.

***Saint Hyacintha Mariscotti, pray for us!***

### The Admonitions of St Francis of Assisi

#### Number 21:

Check motive in revealing the Lord's gifts. On the vain and talkative religious

Blessed is the servant who, when he speaks, does not display everything about himself for the sake of an apparent reward and is not hasty to speak -- but wisely presents what he needs to say and answer.

Woe to that religious who does not keep in his heart the good things which the Lord shows to him and does not exhibit them to others by his deeds, but rather for the sake of recognition would display them to people by his talk. He thereby receives his reward and the listeners take away little fruit.

First of all, we are challenged here to control of the tongue, the need to be circumspect in what we say.

**Q1.** Preferably, rather than using words, what does Francis ask us to use to reveal the goodness of God?

**Q2.** How do people give evidence of spiritual arrogance?

**Q3.** Have we encountered people who seem to brag about all the wonderful religious activities they take part in? – for example, how many rosaries they pray every day, retreats, conferences, etc. [Could this affect Fraternity life?]

**Q4.** Does this principle have application in my life?

## Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

-Steve Carlson:

- For my daughter, Elena, to return to the Church.
- For emotional healing for Elena and Lucia Carlson.

-Nancy Yount:

- for my sister, Karen, who is suffering with a rare form of dementia and her family
- for my brother Ken who has been diagnosed with PTSD
- for my son and daughter to return to the Church.

-Dave Garrett:

- For my daughter's struggle with her disabilities and children.
- For my son, Joshua's addiction recovery and return to the Church.

-Marianna Chavez-Flores:

- For her mother, **Agripina Galvan A.**, who was hospitalized in Mexico.

-Janice Wear:

- Congratulations to her grandson, **Charlie "Hubert"** - confirmed on 2/17/19 by Archbishop George Lucas of Omaha, NE - Janice is his sponsor.

-Luis Alvarez:

- For our Franciscan Families, those members who are ill and alone.
- For an increase of vocations to all Franciscan communities.
- For an end to abortion, euthanasia and all offenses against human life.
- For the recently departed, **Brian W. Saathoff**, that he and all departed may be lovingly embraced in the arms of our blessed Lord Jesus the Christ.
- 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 USA and the conversion of hearts of politicians who support the destruction of human life.

-Cecilia Padilla:

- For difficulties with unforeseen circumstances.

Kent Riesberg:

- For his daughter, **Janice**, who will be having a baby soon - health for both the mother and baby.

## Calendar Of Events

### Annual/Special Meetings

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

#### Spring Retreat:

»March 13th, 2019«

Sr. Mary Ann's Retreat House  
15625 S Street  
Omaha, NE

#### Pastoral/Fraternal Visitation

March 17, 2019

Welcome to Tim and Kathy  
Taormina, OFS

#### Professions!!!!

June/July 2019

Monastery of St Clare  
Date: to be determined

#### Chapter of Mats

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Monastery of St Clare  
22625 Edgewater Rd.  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

#### Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

Thursday, October 3, 2019

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
Omaha, NE 68137

### Monthly Meetings

#### Monthly Gathering - 3rd Sunday

*(except in June due to Father's Day, then it is the 4th Sunday. Please **confirm the schedule** before attending.)*

**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 -**

Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love  
February, 2019 Chapter 8 - Power of the Spirit

**Initial Formation -**

The Franciscan Journey:  
February, 2019 Chapters 26 & 27