



## *Pater Noster Fraternity*

Queen of Peace Region

Newsletter – May 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.”

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

**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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Source: Andrew C.P. Haggard: France of Joan of Arc New York John Lane Company 1912

Joan of Arc, in French Jeanne d'Arc or Jehanne, nicknamed "The Maid of Orléans", is considered a heroine of France for her role during the Lancastrian phase of the Hundred Years' War, and was canonized as a Roman Catholic saint.

She has a very interesting story. Born in 1412 when she was about 12 or 13 years old she claimed to have heard the voices of St. Michael, St. Catherine, and St. Margaret and have visions, each of whom told her to drive the English from French territory.

## Saint Joan of Arc

**Franciscan Third Order Secular**

**Feast Day:** 30 May

**Birth:** 1412 Domrémy, Duchy of Bar, Kingdom of France

**Death:** 30 May 1431 (aged approx. 19) Rouen, Normandy

**Venerated:** Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion

**Beatified:** 18 April 1909, Notre-Dame de Paris, by Pope Pius X

**Canonized:** 16 May 1920, St. Peter's Basilica, Rome by Pope Benedict XV

**Patronage:** France; martyrs; captives; military personnel; people ridiculed for their piety; prisoners; soldiers, women who have served in the [WAVES](#) (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service); and [Women's Army Corps](#)

The year was about 1424 when she first heard the voices and it was approximately year 87 of the Hundred Years' War between England and France. Actually, the war is said to have lasted 116 years.

A number of scholars attempted to explain her visions in psychiatric or neurological terms (epilepsy, migraine, tuberculosis, and schizophrenia).

However, It is hard to discount the fact that when she was 16 she predicted that the tide

of the war going to change in favor of the French.

### **Saint Joan of Arc (continued)**

Though Joan claimed the army was always commanded by a nobleman and that she never killed anyone in battle since she preferred only to carry her banner, which she preferred "forty times" better than a sword, several noblemen claimed she greatly affected their decisions since they accepted she gave Divinely inspired advice.

Sadly, after just 2 - 3 years she was burned at the stake at about age 19. She was accused of heresy, witchcraft, and cross-dressing. The cross-dressing charge was due to the fact she dressed as a man while she was a prisoner of war to avoid be rape.

The issue was political and there was no evidence to support the charges, nevertheless, she was convicted.

The trial record includes statements from Joan that eyewitnesses later claimed astonished the court since she was an illiterate peasant who was able to escape theological traps. The most well-known exchange was when Joan was "asked if she knew she was in God's grace, she answered: 'If I am not, may God put me there; and if I am, may God so keep me.'"

In April 1429, the commission of inquiry "declared her to be of irreproachable life, a good Christian, possessed of the virtues of humility, honesty, and simplicity." Rather than deciding on whether or not Joan was acting on the basis of divine inspiration, theologians at Poitiers told the Dauphin

In 1452, during an investigation into Joan's execution, the Church declared a religious play in her honor at Orléans would let attendees gain an indulgence by making a pilgrimage to the event.

A posthumous retrial opened following the end of the war. Pope Callixtus III authorized the proceeding, which has also been called the "nullification trial," after Inquisitor-General Jean Bréhal and Joan's mother Isabelle Romée requested it.

The trial was meant to determine if Joan's condemnation was justly handled, and of course, at the end of the investigation Joan received a formal appeal in November 1455 and the appellate court declared Joan innocent on July 7 1456.

[Catholic Saints Online](#)

[Franciscan Media](#)

[Roman Catholic Saints](#)

[Joan of Arc Youtube](#)

[St. Joan of Arc - Omaha parish & school](#)

[Joan of Arcadia](#)

**Saint Joan of Arc, pray for us!**

there was a "favorable presumption" on the divine nature of her mission.

### **The Admonitions of St Francis of Assisi**

Admonition 25 – Sacrificing, true love  
Show respect in word and thought

Blessed is the servant who so loves and honors his brother when he is away from him, just as when he is with him, and does not say anything about him that in charity he would not say in his presence.

Q1. Why does Francis remind us that talking behind another's back is against charity?

Q2. Why is it so appealing to try to run down the reputation of others behind their backs?

Q3. What is the Catholic moral principle regarding talking about others and their good and bad points?

Q4. What is wrong with the principle: "If you don't have anything good to say about someone, don't say it"? For example, how does this apply to political figures, to people being voted on?

### **Prayer Requests and Praise Reports**

-Steve Carlson:

- For emotional healing for Elena and Lucia Carlson.

-Nancy Yount:

- for my sister, Karen, who is suffering from a rare form of dementia and her family
- for my brother Ken who has been diagnosed with PTSD
- for my brother Al and his struggles with Parkinson's
- for the flooding victims throughout the Midwest

-Dave Garrett:

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

-Kent Reisberg:

- Birth of grandbaby!

-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 innocent bishops, priests, deacons, and all who work for the kingdom of Christ, who are going to suffer for the sins of others.
- That our children who have drifted from Holy Mother Church may return to the practice of the Faith
- For our law enforcement personnel, that they may remain save

-Joseph Norman:

- For my mother (Betty) and brother (Tom)

-Cecilia Padilla:

- For difficulties with unforeseen circumstances.

## Calendar Of Events

### Annual/Special Meetings

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

### Professions!!!!

October 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

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 -> Chapter of Mats- all are urged to be in attendance.

**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  
EXPLORING FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY AND THEOLOGY IN THE MODERN WORLD

- May 2019 Part 1 Ch. 2
- The closing is the Ritual for most months.
- For Mar, Jun, Sep, and Dec - Liturgy of the Hours.
- For Feb, May, Nov, Liturgy of the Twelve Our Fathers - please ensure that you bring your *Secular Franciscan Companion*

#### **Initial Formation -**

The Franciscan Journey:

- April 2019 Chapters 29

