



Pater Noster Fraternity

Queen of Peace Region
Newsletter – July 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

Blessed Bernard of Baden



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English: Bernhard II. of Baden

Date: 14 April 2010

Source: Own work

Author: Reinhard Dietrich

That it is possible to serve God unreservedly in every walk of life, even as a young prince, soldier, and diplomat, is demonstrated by the holy life of the fifteenth-century Tertiary, Margrave Bernard of Baden.

Born in 1428, Bernard was the second son of Margrave Jacob I of Baden. Though he spent most of his boyhood at the court of Charles VII of France and Rene of Anjou, he grew up to be an exceptionally pious young man.

When the king of France made him an offer of marriage with his daughter Princess Magdalen, Bernard refused because he had vowed to live in perpetual chastity.

Franciscan Third Order Secular

Feast Day: 15 July

Birth: 1428 Hohenbaden Castle, Baden-Baden

Death: 15 July 1458 (Aged 30) Moncalieri, near Turin

Venerated: Roman Catholic Church

Beatified: 16 September 1769 by Pope Clement XIV (cultus confirmation)

Major shrine: Church of St Peter ad Vincula, London, England

Patronage: Baden, Germany; Baden-Baden, Germany; Archdiocese of Freiburg in Breisgau, Germany; Moncalieri, Italy

After the death of his father in 1453, twenty-five year old Bernard left the government of Baden in the hands of his brother and entered the service of Emperor Frederick III as a military officer and ambassador.

A Franciscan Father by the name of Friar John, who had received him into the Third Order, henceforth accompanied him as chaplain on all his journeys.

So well did Bernard carry out his duties that the emperor entrusted him with many delicate diplomatic missions, principally in regard to the crusade against the Turks.

Blessed Bernard of Baden (continued)

Constant contact with worldly affairs, however, did not prevent him from leading the life of a saint. Even at the gay court of Vienna this unusual young diplomat was held in high esteem because of his exemplary and pious life.

While others sought relaxation in worldly amusements, he spent hours in prayer. Twice a week, at least, he received Holy Communion. At the time, that was a very unusual practice.

Traveling from Genoa to France on behalf of the crusade, he took sick near Turin, and died in the Franciscan friary at Moncalieri on July 15, 1458, only thirty years old.

The people began at once to venerate him as a saint, and miracles took place at his tomb. His body was taken back to Baden and laid to rest in the parish church.

In 1481 and again in 1769 the Church approved his cult as Blessed; and the Grand Duchy of Baden honored him as its second patron.

[Roman Catholic Saints](#)
[Catholic Saints Info](#)

Blessed Bernard of Baden, *pray for us!*

The Admonitions of St Francis of Assisi

Admonition 27: – Virtues against vices (a reminder: “virtues” are “powers”- facing the challenge of good vs. evil).

When there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.

When there is patience and humility, there not neither anger nor frustration. p.13

When there is poverty with joy, there is neither coveting nor avarice.

Where there is quiet and meditation, there is neither worldly cares nor emptiness.

Where there is fear of the Lord guarding at the gate, there the enemy cannot have a place for entry.

Where there is mercy and concern, there is neither superfluity nor an undue hardship.

Q1: Which 11 virtues does Francis list here?

Q2: Taken together, they can produce much harmony in loving and living. Contrariwise, each of these vices disrupts community life. Have I ever observed that?

Q3: Are these vices obstacles also in family life ...and SFO fraternity life?

Q4: Might this admonition serve as an opening prayer for council meetings, or for commissions?

Q5: Compare this to Francis’ prayer of “Greeting of the Virtues”. (Omn.p.132; FA1,p.164; FC,p.151)

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
- Praise for my brother Ken who is much improved. Thanks for the prayers!
- 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 One True Faith.
- For our law enforcement personnel, that they may remain safe on and off duty.

-Joseph Norman:

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

-Cecilia Padilla:

- Difficult, 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! Yippee!

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. 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

- July 2019 Part 1 Ch. 4
- The closing is the Ritual for the following months: Feb., May, Aug[Chapter of Mats], Nov.
- For Mar., June, Sep., and Dec. - Liturgy of the Hours.
- For Jan, April, July, Oct.:Liturgy of the Twelve Our Fathers - please ensure that you bring your *Secular Franciscan Companion*

Initial Formation -

The Franciscan Journey:

- July 2019 Chapter 31