



Pater Noster Fraternity

Queen of Peace Region
Newsletter – January 2020
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

Blessed Gregory X - Pope



GREGORY X

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Desc: This illustration is from *The Lives and Times of the Popes* by Chevalier Artaud de Montor, New York: The Catholic Publication Society of America, 1911. It was originally published in 1842.

Date: 19 October 2016

Author: Artaud de Montor (1772–1849)

Source: [Lives and Times of the Pope's](#)

This holy Tertiary pope of the thirteenth century and friend of St Bonaventure was a true son of St Francis, distinguished himself by his love for the holy places in Palestine and his incessant efforts to establish peace everywhere. Theobald Visconti, as he was called before he became pope, was born at Piacenza in 1210.

Secular Franciscan Order

Feast Day: 10 January

Birth: 1210

[Piacenza](#), [Holy Roman Empire](#)

Death: 10 January 1276 (aged 66)

[Arezzo](#), Holy Roman Empire

Venerated: Roman Catholic Church

Beatified: 8 July 1713; [Rome](#), [Papal States](#)
by [Pope Clement XI](#)

Attributes: Papal vestments, [Papal tiara](#),
[Crozier](#)

Patronage: Franciscan tertiaries, Diocese of Arezzo (Image from [WikiCommons](#))



He was conspicuous from his youth by his virtue as well as his success in studies. He devoted himself especially to the study of canon law, first in Italy, then in Paris and Liege. In Paris, where he was associated with the intellectual circles surrounding the university for more than two decades, his closest friends were the Franciscans, especially St Bonaventure.

Blessed Gregory X - Pope (continued)

After he was named archdeacon of Liege, Pope Clement IV commissioned him to preach the Crusades. Theobald himself took up the cross, but instead was sent on a peace mission to England.

When his friend, the Tertiary King Louis IX died in 1270, Theobald hastened eastward to comfort the king's son and the other Crusaders and also to satisfy his devotion by visiting the holy places. At this time the Holy See was vacant. It had been such for almost three years, ever since the death of Clement IV in November, 1268.

Finally, on September 1, 1271, a committee of six cardinals, to whom the rest had referred the election, chose a new pope. Much to the surprise of everyone, their choice fell on Theobald, who was still in the Holy Land. St Bonaventure had been summoned from Paris to assist in nominating a candidate; and he had recommended the Archdeacon of Liege, who was then about sixty years old.

Returning to Rome, Theobald was first ordained a priest, then consecrated a bishop; and on March 27, 1272, he was crowned Pope Gregory X.

The reign of Blessed Gregory X as pope was short, only three years and nine months; but in that short time he accomplished much as a peacemaker. Sometimes he called on the Franciscans to work for peace, for instance, during the trouble between Bologna and Venice.

It was Blessed Gregory X who convoked the Fourteenth General Council, the Second of Lyons, which was in session for two months from May to July, 1274, and was attended by five hundred bishops. The previous year he made St Bonaventure a Cardinal, and told him to accept the red hat "in humility of spirit." He wanted the Seraphic Doctor at his side during the Council.

On the way to France, the Pope was joined by St Bonaventure; and together they reached Lyons six months before the opening of the Council. St Bonaventure died July 15, two days before the final session.

The more public affairs claimed his attention, so much the more did Gregory X strive for personal holiness and perfection. Abstemious in diet and sparing in speech, he managed to devote much time to prayer and to carry out his many duties in a prayerful spirit and constant union with God.

Blessed Gregory X's death occurred at Arezzo on January 10, 1276. Pope Benedict XIV inserted his name in the Roman martyrology.

Blessed Gregory X quotes:

"We define also that... the souls of those who depart this life in actual mortal sin, or in original sin alone [unbaptized infants], go straight to hell, but to undergo punishments of different kinds."

Roman Catholic Saints	Flock Note
New Advent	Catholic Saints
Study Quiz	You Tube

Blessed Gregory X, pray for us!

The Admonitions of St Francis of Assisi

Admonition 5: Glory in the Cross of Christ – in your infirmities, both physical and psychological.

That none should be proud, but should glory in the cross of the Lord.

Those who are assigned over others, should glory in that appointment as if they were assigned to the office of washing the feet of the brothers.

And the more they are disturbed over the loss of being superior than the duty to wash feet, all the more do they gather for themselves “money bags” to endanger their souls.

Observe, O man, such a lofty position in which the Lord God has placed you, because he created you and formed you to the image of his Beloved Son in the flesh and into His likeness in your spirit. And all creatures under heaven are subservient to him, know and obey their Creator better than you.

And even the demons have not crucified him, but you with them have crucified him and even now you are crucifying him by delighting in vices and sins.

What can you find your glory in? For if you were as sharp and wise that you contained all knowledge and knew how to interpret all kinds of languages and with great acumen comprehend heavenly things, in all these things you cannot be praised.

Because one demon has known about heavenly things as well as knows earthly matters better than all people, unless there might exist someone who might have received a special understanding of the highest wisdom.

Similarly if you should be more handsome and wealthier than others and if you did remarkable things, that you could drive out demons, all these things are not of your doing and nothing reflects back to you, and in these you can not be held in honor; but in this we can be honored in our infirmities, and daily to take up the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

While not quoting directly a passage from Sacred Scripture here, Francis refers to Genesis 1:26.

Man is gifted greater than the rest of creation by alone being made in the image and likeness of God.

Q1. Can we boast of appearances, wealth, working wonders, driving out devils?

Q2. Is this message relevant for us today? ...for me today?

Q3. How fundamental is this basic honesty about ourselves that Francis promotes?

Calendar Of Events

Annual/Special Meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Newly Professed

Congratulations to Dave Garrett, OFS, Nancy Yount, OFS and Steven Carlson, OFS - your journey has just begun!

Chapter of Mats

August 15, 2020

Place, Guest Speaker - TBD.

Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

St John Vianney Catholic Church,
Omaha, NE

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Pater Noster Annual Planning Meeting

Saturday January 11 from 8-11 at Linda's house.

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 [begins again in January 2020]

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

- In January 2020 - Chapter 8
- Feb., May, Aug[Chapter of Mats]: the closing from the Ritual.
- For Mar., June, Sep., and Dec: the Liturgy of the Hours.
- For Jan, April, July, Oct: the Liturgy of the Twelve Our Fathers - please bring your *Secular Franciscan Companion*
- For Nov: The closing prayer is the Prayer of Remembrance for the deceased members of our fraternity.

Initial Formation -

The Franciscan Journey:

- TBD