

MARY, QUEEN OF ANGELS FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER—USA + ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

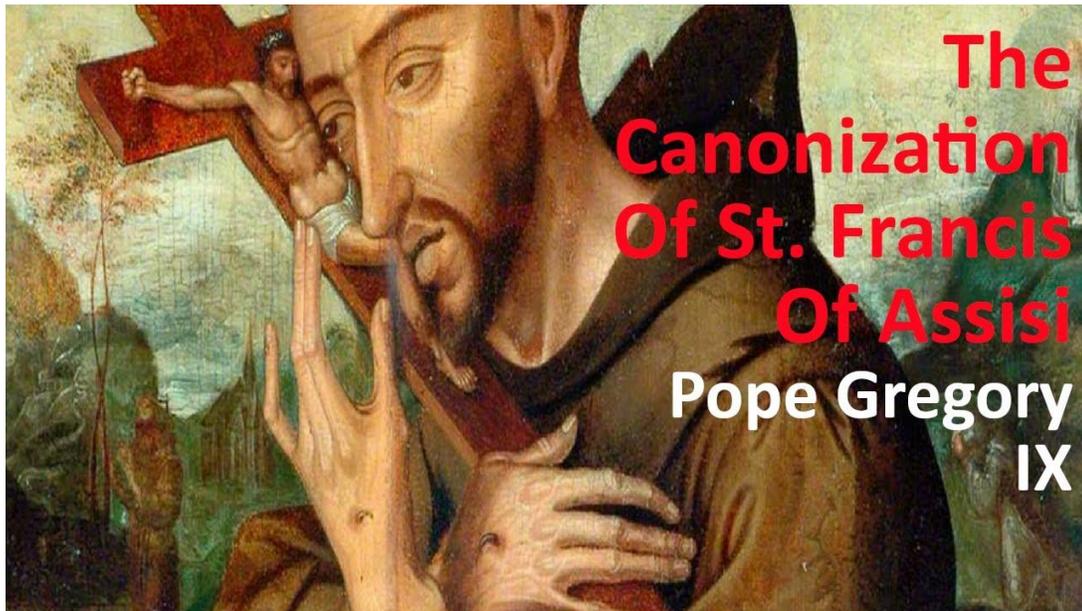
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Live a Life Worthy of Your Call



16 July 1228

We should all be blessed of the spirituality given directly by St Francis to his penitents, our ancestors. We must learn it better, accept it with an open heart, live it actively, even accomplish it in new works with the certainty that in this way we will become “better sons and daughters” of St Francis.

(St Francis and the Third Order, Raffaele Pazzelli, T.O.R.)

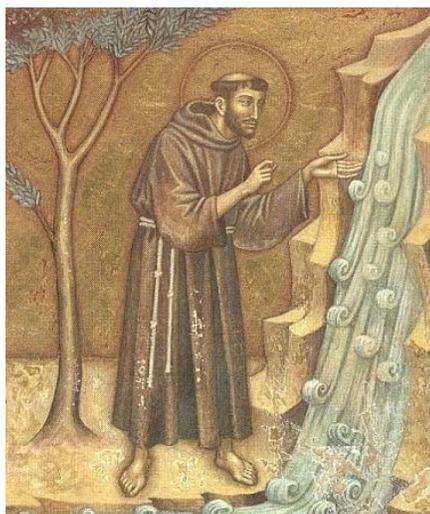
INFIRM and HOMEBOUND “The brothers and sisters, progressing in age, should learn to accept illness and increasing difficulties and to give a deeper sense to their life”

(GC 27). In your charity, please remember in prayer, and in personal visits, our homebound members: **at Home:** Janet Azeles, Camilla Palazzi, Cheryl Hengst; **at Garvey Manor:** Fr Adrian, Fr Terrence; **at St Stephen’s Living Center:** Mary Rita Stoltz; **at Graystone Manor:** Shirley Dougherty; **at St Bernardine Monastery:** Friars Eugene, Robert, Anthony, Giles, Seraphin, Patrick and Steven. Please inform our Infirmarian, **Mike**, of any member who is infirm and/or homebound so that a visit can be arranged and/or a card be sent, bringing them our prayers and fraternal wishes.



THE WATER OF FRATERNITY

In the Canticle, St Francis sings of “Sister Water” as precious, chaste, humble—a gift truly life-giving. With the pandemic restrictions being slowly lifted, **we can enter our commitments and responsibilities and regain what we have missed, and for so long, have desired.** I speak now of the “water of fraternity.” Fraternities of every level, in every region are coming to “drink freely the water of fraternity.” We cannot return not being changed by events of this past year.



Those who have only placed their big toe into these waters—only to have removed them when things get hot or remain cold and uncomfortable—are asked to have the courage and love of fraternity to plunge themselves totally and wholly into fraternity life. **The water of fraternity is precious and life-giving, cleansing and refreshing, even sacramental**—that the members may be for each other—what fraternity life signifies.

The Fraternity Council met person-to-person 25 May 2021. Pandemic restrictions are being lifted, also here in the Diocese. The plan is to begin fraternity gathering once again, person-to-person. The need to connect with one another—and **to strengthen our relationships with one another**—is greater than was the absence from each other we’ve experienced this past year. If you have been away from the fraternity before the pandemic, we miss you. You are an important link that holds us together. Let us draw close to each other and together experience “*the water of fraternity.*” The fraternity needs to be aware of the upcoming scheduled Chapter of Elections, and the months-long preparation for it to take place: forming a nominations committee; preparing a slate of nominees; inviting regional visitors; and finally, the election itself.



LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT

Should you be looking for a religious gift, books, cards, or a gift for any occasion, visit The Friar’s Nook across from St Bernardine Monastery, Route 36 South, 4 miles from Hollidaysburg. **Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM.**

FRATERNITY GATHERING

15th Week in Ordinary Time

- 1:30 Sunday 11 July 2021**
San Damiano Hall
- 1:45 Liturgy of the Hours**
Evening Prayer III,
Psalms and Antiphons—Page
Song:
Magnificat—Page 696
- 2:00 Ongoing Formation**
Franciscan Prayer
- 2:45 Break**
- 3:00 Business Meeting**
Opening Prayer from the Ritual
Update of previous minutes
Treasurer's Report
Fraternity Elective Chapter
- 3:30 Adjournment**
Closing Prayer from the Ritual
Blessing



Next Fraternity Gathering

Sunday 11 July 2021 (Sunday following 4 July weekend)

FRATERNITY ELECTIVE CHAPTER 2021

For the Elective Chapter to be a valid event, **members of the fraternity need to be present in person.** As we begin the preparations for this Elective Chapter, pray. Consider the gifts poured into you by the Holy Spirit, gifts meant to be shared with your sisters and brothers. The Apostles questioned and doubted. They didn't expect to be leaders, yet their character was strengthened by their imitation of Jesus, and by the fellowship they shared with each other.



Reading of GC Articles 76; 77.1; 78; 79
Nominating Committee is formed
Date and time for Elective Chapter is submitted
Slate of nominees is presented
Date and time are confirmed
Elective Chapter begins

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH—Pope Francis’ Meditation

Fathers are not born but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. St Joseph is called a “most chaste” father, not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. He never made himself the center of things. He did not put himself first, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.



St Joseph,
model of patience † pillar of families † hope of the sick † patron of the dying,
pray for us



EVERY LIFE MATTERS—ELM

“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”

Saturday 24 July 2021

1351 Logan Avenue

Tyrone, PA 16686

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In the morning there will be an Open House to tour their facility.
Founded in 2010, ELM
provides much needed pregnancy support service in Blair County.

*As a Fraternity apostolate,
we have been asked to help them with much needed diapers and baby wipes.
More information at our July gathering.*

PANDEMIC REQUIREMENT: CONVERSION

Promoting the holistic development of everyone requires conversion. To work for a better future, Pope Francis said, an **honest assessment of the past** “includes the acknowledgment of systematic failures, past errors and lack of responsibility with regard to the Creator, our neighbor and all creation. I see **economic and social life marked by many forms of inequality and selfishness** where a tiny minority of the world population possesses most of the wealth and does not hesitate to exploit people and resources. I see a way of lie that is insufficiently concerned for the environment. It strikes me as **essential for the development of a model of recovery** aimed at not only at rebuilding what was, but also correcting the things that were not working, even before the advent of the coronavirus, and that ended up making the crisis worse.”



GOALS OF LAUDATO SI'—A RESPONSE FOR TOTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Cry of the Earth—greater use of clean renewable energy, reducing fossil fuels, guaranteeing access to clean water for all.

Cry of the Poor—defense of human life from conception to natural death, with special attention to vulnerable groups: indigenous communities, migrants, children of trafficking.

Ecological Economics—sustainable production, fair-trade, ethical consumption, ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and activity harmful to the planet and people, investment in renewable energy.

Adoption of Simple Lifestyles—sobriety in the use of resources and energy, avoid single-use plastic, adopt planet-based diet or reduce meat consumption, greater use of public transport.

Ecological Education—rethink and redesign educational curriculum, create ecological awareness and action, promoting ecological vocation of young people, teachers, leaders.

Ecological Spirituality—recover a religious vision of God’s creation, encourage greater contact with the natural world in a spirit of wonder and praise, promote creation-centered liturgical celebrations, develop ecological catechesis, prayer, retreats, formation.

Emphasis on Community Involvement—participatory action for creation at the local, regional, national and international levels, promote advocacy and people’s campaigns, encourage local and neighborhood ecosystems.

SAINTS and BLESSEDS of the FRANCISCAN FAMILY in July 2021

- 01 St Junipero Serra, First Order friar, "Apostle of California," 1784
- 03 Bl Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Third Order religious, 1886
- 04 Fourth of July *Fraternity gathers next Sunday*
- 05 St Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal, Secular Franciscan, 1336
Bl Ignatius Falzon, Secular Franciscan, 1865
- 07 Bl Oddino Barrotti, Secular Franciscan priest, 1400
- 08 Sts Gregory and Hermine, and Companions, Religious and Seculars
OFS Summer Seminar Virtual Gathering begins
- 09 Sts Nicholas Pieck and Companions, First Order martyrs of Holland, 1572
- 10 St Veronica Giuliana, Poor Clare , 1727
- 11 **Fraternity Gathering, 1:30 PM, San Damiano Hall**
- 12 Sts John Jones, 1598, and John Wall, 1679, First Order martyrs of England
Sts Louis Martin and Marie Guerin Martin, married couple, Seculars, 1877
- 13 Bl Angeline Marsciano, Third Order religious, 1435
Bls Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions, First Order friars, martyrs of Syria, 1860
- 13 **Fraternity Council Meeting, 6:00 PM, Santella's**
- 14 St Francis Solano, First Order friar, 1610
- 15 St Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, First Order Cardinal, Seraphic Doctor, 1274
Bl Bernard of Baden, Secular Franciscan, 1458
- 16 Canonization of St Francis of Assisi by Franciscan Pope Gregory IX
- 17 Bl Peter Cresci of Foligno, Secular Franciscan, 1323
- 18 St Simon of Lipnica, First Order friar, 1482
- 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi, First Order priest, 1619
- 23 St Cunogunda of Poland, Poor Clare, 1292
St Bridget of Sweden, Secular Franciscan, 1373
- 24 Bl Louise of Savoy, Poor Clare, 1503
- 25 Bl Anthony Lucci, First Order Bishop, 1752
- 27 Bl Mary Magdalene of Martinengo, Poor Clare, 1737
- 28 St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, Third Order religious, 1946
Bl Mary Teresa Kowalska, Poor Clare, martyr under Nazism, 1941
Bl Mattia Nazarei, Poor Clare, 1320
- 31 Bl Solanus Casey, First Order friar, 1957

BLESSED PROFESSOR CONTARDO FERRINI

Contardo was a noted Italian jurist and legal scholar, a fervent Catholic, and a Secular Franciscan. He was a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society in service to the poor. "Our life," he said, "must reach out toward the Infinite, and from that Source we must draw whatever we can expect of merit and dignity." Born in Milan 4 April 1859, and died at Suna 17 October 1902. Pope St Pius X conferred on him the title Venerable in 1931. Pope Pius XII beatified him on 13 April 1947. His feast day is observed on 20 October. At a Regional Executive Council meeting, Contardo was named Patron of Lady Poverty Region. *Blessed Contardo, pray for us!*

