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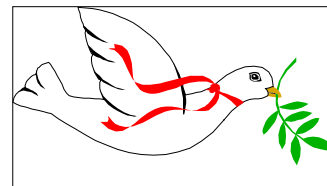
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March 12th—next Fraternity Gathering

The Parish Mission was a blessing for all of us. Thanks go out to everyone who helped distribute the "Who We Are" brochures and greet people. This was a major outreach to the Mission Parish for our Fraternity. We were invited to make an announcement on Day One that happened to be on Sts Francis and Clare and the invitation was extended to those who want to learn more about Francis and Clare to come and see. I know you will be of a welcoming spirit on Saturday as always. Look for those who might be searching for us and give a warm Franciscan greeting to all.

We are into the first week of Lent. A time of discernment and taking an inventory of our spiritual life. As Franciscans let's spend quality time with Francis and Clare whether that be through a good book on the Saints or extra prayer time during these 40 days.



We resume Saturday with our CIOFS Evangelization theme. Did you get your binders yet? If not, it may be a good time this week to pick one up to store the material in and keep it all in one place as we journey all year. We will refer to Evangelii Nuntiandi during the year, so be sure to have a copy of that document in your binder. Make an extra to share with someone.

Announcements

- Fraternity Gathering is **Saturday, 3/12/11, 9:30 a.m. - 2nd Floor Meeting Rm A; Council Meets 8:15 a.m.—9:30 am., Room C**

1. Highlights	5. Isaiah House Event
2. Events / Birthdays	6. For Mercy's Sake—Joyce Rupp
3. Hospitality and Prayer List	7. Franciscan Prayer
4. Evangelization	8. Happy St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Day

Announcements



Dates, Times, Places—SFO and Diocesan Events Calendar

Formation Information- **For information contact Dan Abalos 949-492-7574.**

Act of Service @ Isaiah House 3/12/11 @ 4:00 p.m..

Meet other Franciscans, cook a meal and share it with those in need. Isaiah House is in Santa Ana.

Details: Call Diane Halal SFO @ 562-596-3162, see Page 5.

Retreat Day at St. Joseph's in Santa Ana; Minter & Civic Ctr Dr.

March 26 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact: JudyGaspar@sbcglobal.net; Fr. Steve Gross OFM Conv. will lead the retreat. This is a daytime Saturday retreat. Perfect for a Lenten day of prayer.

Candidate Classes:

Wednesday's Candidacy Track I (Paul and Cyndie); 7pm start.

Thursday's Candidacy Track II (Pam and Patty); 6 pm start.

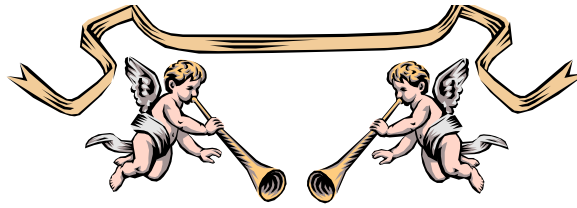
Our Candidates invite you to attend a class with them. Call Dan Abalos for exact dates.

Fraternity Birthdays



JAN		MAY		SEP		NOV	
2	Phyllis Cooney, SFO	7	Dan, Abalos, SFO	1	Joan Fessenden, SFO	10	Michael Carranza, SFO
				27	Surya Anesi, SFO	21	Marie O'Donnell, SFO
FEB		JUN					
12	Anita Albamonte, SFO	12	Kim Cota, SFO				
		21	Pam McCarthy				
MAR		JUL		OCT		DEC	
14	Deacon Halka, SFO	9	Deacon Sire, SFO	4	Dolores Ridill, SFO	6	Roseann Frederick, SFO
		19	Paul Kelly	5	Christina Huben, SFO	9	Gloria Albamonte, SFO
				11	Gloria Abalos, SFO	20	Patsy Lopez
				27	Christine Riley, SFO		
APR		AUG					
2	Cyndie Dunkerson	12	Bob Murray, SFO	changes / updates, please alert Council so list may be updated.			
11	Tom Cooney, SFO	15	Gisela King, SFO				
		24	Lucinda Sire, SFO				

More Announcements



Mission Parish Adoration Can you spend one hour with Our Lord?

Thank you for being our Franciscan presence at Adoration the 1st Monday Monthly.

The Franciscans have 7pm to 8pm.

Prayer List:

- Christine Riley, SFO Vice Minister and her parents in Conn. Therese, and Edmund Grenier.
- Chase Church, may he rest in peace and eternal light shine upon him.

A NEW HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE FOR FRATERNITY MEETINGS:



This schedule goes by the letter in your last name.

Let's see how this works for awhile.

Comments always welcome!

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Beverages	A-C	L-Z	D-K	A-C
Goodies	D-K	A-C	L-Z	D-K
Paper Goods	L-Z	D-K	A-C	L-Z
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Beverages	L-Z	D-K	A-C	L-Z
Goodies	A-C	L-Z	D-K	A-C
Paper Goods	D-K	A-C	L-Z	D-K
	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Beverages	D-K	A-C	L-Z	D-K
Goodies	L-Z	D-K	A-C	L-Z
Paper Goods	A-C	L-Z	D-K	A-C
<i>Paper Goods= Cups, Napikins, Plates, Spoons, Forks.</i>				



We are seeing an abundance of leftovers particularly the goodies. Wishing to better balance all items, let's try planning for servings of four people for your designated item. No cups please, plenty on hand to use up.

Evangelization

Last month, Joan Fessenden, SFO gave a talk on the journeys of St. Francis. Francis was driven by a desire to spread the Gospel message beyond the confines of his beloved Assisi. He was called to evangelize through the witness of his faith and his followers did the same.



Some were called to “stay and pray” much like the followers of St. Clare—the cloistered Poor Clares who pray for all of us. How important is prayer! During Lent, we are reminded of the importance to get away and pray. Jesus gives us that lesson. Prayer is not easy. The deeper the prayer, the more distractions and temptations will enter in. Why is that? We should have a protective cocoon around us when we are deep in prayer. As welcome as that would be, we know it's just not so. If the Son of God can go away to pray and not be protected against temptations, then why would we pre-

sume to be free of this? Jesus shows us the way to succeed and overcome. How did the Martyrs continue to witness to their faith under hundreds of years of Roman persecution. They gathered together, often in secret, to support one another. They knew at any moment they could be discovered or turned in to the authorities by their very neighbors. Yet, they persevered and are a witness to the commitment to evangelize and not cower in fear. John Paul II told the Polish people “Be Not Afraid” and walls of oppression came tumbling down.

- ◇ Who is the greatest evangelizer of all time?
- ◇ Why did Pope John Paul II pick Assisi to be the location for the very first World Day of Prayer for Peace twenty-five years ago?
- ◇ What does Pope Benedict XVI say on living the gospel message?

Answers to these questions, and more, will be revealed when we resume our CIOFS journey into evangelization this coming Saturday.

For those with email, you were sent a copy of the latest CIOFS Dossier on Sunday 3/7. Bring it to the meeting. Make an extra copy for your neighbor who might not have email. Most important, read it ahead of time. For those who do, you'll have a head start on answering the questions posed above. We will learn together.

We need to pray for the oppressed people in the world today. They are not only half-way around the globe, but are on your street corners. We need to see through the eyes of St. Francis and then realize how vast is the need to evangelize and why this is so important for Secular Franciscans today!



***JOIN OTHER SECULAR
FRANCISCANS
AT CATHOLIC WORKER
ISAIAH HOUSE***

***316 CYPRESS, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2011***

Mass at 4:00 PM
Serve dinner and eat with the poor!
Bring large cold side dishes for dinner.

Bring regular coffee, plastic silverware & drink mixes
(Like Countrytime Lemonade-For their supply closet)

Questions – Call Diane Halal SFO (562) 596-3162
Or Catholic Worker (714) 835-6304

For mercy's sake

By Joyce Rupp

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But if you had known what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the guiltless.

—Matthew 12:7

Jesus and his disciples were walking through a field of grain. The Pharisees became upset when the hungry disciples pulled off and ate some of the heads of grain because such activity was not permitted on the Sabbath. Jesus responded to their criticism by telling the Pharisees that he was not so concerned about the rules of the law (sacrifice) as he was about the way people related to one another (mercy).

I know Jesus' words are true for me: I'd rather fast for a day anytime (sacrifice) than have to be kind and open to someone who has dealt me a low blow (mercy). I would rather choose my own daily sacrifices than have them come to me in the form of critical people, impatient drivers, grumbling friends and irritable coworkers. How much easier it is to give up a piece of candy or go to church on Sunday than to stay loving toward those who mess up my day. Sacrifices I choose seem easy compared to the continual kindness required by Jesus.

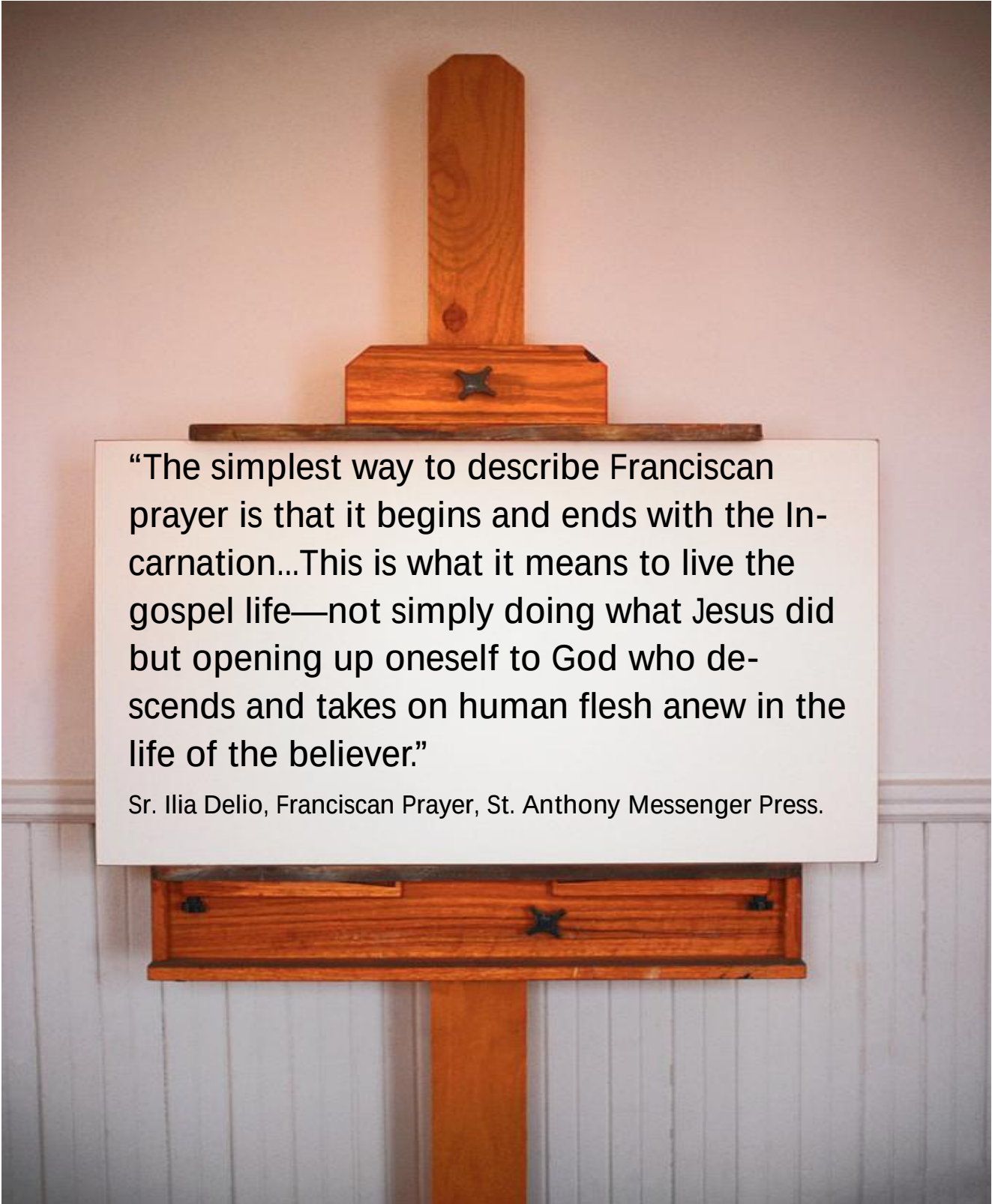
Merciful God,

I will accept the difficult people of my day.

May the sacrifices I choose be ones
filled with love and kindheartedness.

[This meditation is reprinted from Joyce Rupp's book *Inviting God In: Spiritual Reflections and Prayers Throughout the Year*.]

Franciscan Prayer

A wooden cross is mounted on a wall. The cross is made of light-colored wood. In the center of the cross, where the horizontal and vertical beams meet, is a white rectangular sign with black text. The sign contains a quote about Franciscan prayer. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

“The simplest way to describe Franciscan prayer is that it begins and ends with the Incarnation...This is what it means to live the gospel life—not simply doing what Jesus did but opening up oneself to God who descends and takes on human flesh anew in the life of the believer.”

Sr. Ilia Delio, *Franciscan Prayer*, St. Anthony Messenger Press.

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St. Joseph with infant Jesus by Guido Reni



Happy St. Patrick's Day.