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# The Canticle

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St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity, Saint Hedwig Church, Los Alamitos, California

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## Fraternity Information

### **MAY MEETING:**

Monthly Fraternity Meeting: May 21 at 2:00 PM



May Gathering

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### Franciscan websites of interest

#### **St. Francis Regional website:**

National Fraternity of USA

Tau USA, newsletter

International Fraternity

#### **Youth and Young Adult**

Franciscans International

Franciscan Action Network (FAN)

#### **Liturgy of the Hours**

National JPIC Website

Catechism of the Catholic Church

[catholic-church/epub/index.cfm](http://www.catholic-church/epub/index.cfm) or [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)

[www.stfrancisregion.org](http://www.stfrancisregion.org)

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

[www.ciofs.org/](http://www.ciofs.org/)

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/youth-and-young-adult-commission-members/>

[www.franciscansinternational.org/](http://www.franciscansinternational.org/)

[www.franciscanaction.org](http://www.franciscanaction.org)

<http://www.ebreviary.com> or <http://divineoffice.org/> or <http://www.universalis.com/>

<https://sites.google.com/site/jpic4ofs/home>

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/epub/index.cfm>

## Message about our Minister

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Franciscan joy and fraternity were on display at our Orange District Picnic last Saturday, May 13th. It was a delightful event and those of us who went were so happy we did.

We met many of our Korean, Vietnamese and Hispanic brothers and sisters. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. The potluck was amazing; so many delicious ethnic foods to sample. We played fun games. Irene and Cynthia U won beautiful rosaries bowling!

Our fraternity sponsored an M&M guess. Everyone participated and waited in anticipation as Anne and I counted all the votes to determine the winner. Juliana Lim of St. Clare fraternity Westminster was the winner with a guess of only 1 off of the correct number. She was delighted to take home the jar of M&M's to her granddaughter after sharing with those present.

As Franciscans one of our charisms is Ecumenical outreach as Francis did when he visited the Sultan. We have an opportunity to participate in an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity on June 2 at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Anaheim. I hope many of us will be able to join this prayer service and experience the beauty of the Byzantine Catholic Tradition while praying for unity among all Christian religions. (See details below)

This year St Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity celebrates the 25th Anniversary of our Canonical Establishment. San Juan Capistrano fraternity is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its Canonical Establishment. On June 17, 2023 we will be celebrating these 2 milestones together at a Mass and a reception. This is another wonderful opportunity to celebrate Franciscan Joy, Fraternity and Love. (See details below)

It is indeed good to be a Franciscan and attend events with other Franciscans.

Come share our Joy!  
Peace, Blessings and Joy,  
Tina Gath

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Please remember to bring or send in your fair share checks to Puring Chang, our treasurer.:  
If you can't make it to our first meeting, her address is:  
2279 Avalon St. Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
Cell: 949 500 6979

## Upcoming Fraternity Events

*All are invited to attend any of these events*

**Fraternity meeting:** Sun May 21, – Formation at 1:20pm and Meeting at 2pm

### Looking ahead:

Friday, June 2, at 7pm; **Ecumenical service** and also support Tina's son and his beautiful church.

Sat. June 10 – **St Francis Ctr Health Fair**, St Matthew's Church, L.B.

### Save the Date:

May 26 – 28 - **Serra Retreat**

Saturday, June 17 - **Celebration of the anniversaries of San Juan Capistrano 40 years, and St. Max Kolbe 25 years.** 11:30am Mass and reception

St. Timothy's Catholic Church, Laguna Niguel.

11:30am Mass and reception afterwards

### Prayer Intentions, Health and Healing

May God bless and meet the needs of our families, friends, fraternity and all those we hold dear in our hearts. We pray for our infirm and homebound:

### Please pray:

- ❖ For Cynthia Agbuelos to close escrow on her new home
- ❖ Continued prayers for Diane. She is home now, in a hospital bed in the living room, and in great pain
- ❖ For all the spoken and unspoken needs of each and every fraternity member, may God hear the cry of our hearts.
- ❖ For Diane and all our members and loved ones who are dealing with health challenges, may God grant them healing in body, mind and spirit.
- ❖ For our homebound members who wish they could be with us.
- ❖ Pray for the unborn, the aged and all those in need of God's comfort and healing.
- ❖ For our country, all our elected officials and citizens; that we may find our way back to One Nation Under God in our lives and in all our decisions.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May

#### **For church movements and groups.**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

### **Meeting notice:**

Please remember to bring your cup or mug to our meetings.  
St. Francis would approve!





**May Birthdays**

4 Paul

**May Profession Anniversaries**

none this month

**May Franciscan Calendar of Saints**

**Month of the Holy Virgin Mary**

- 1 Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker
- 3 Bl. Arthur Bell, Henry Heath, John Woodcock, et al., priests, X of England, I Ord.
- 7 Bl. Agnellus of Pisa, religious, I Ord.
- 8 Bl. Jeremiah of Valacchia, religious, I Ord..
- 9 St. Catherine of Bologna, II Ord.
- 10 St Damien Joseph de Veuster of Molokai
- 11 St. Ignatius of Laconi, religious, I Ord., Bl. Antonio of St. Anne XX Galvoa, I Ord., founder
- 12 St. Leopold Mandic, priest, I Ord.
- 13 Our Lady of Fatima, Ascension of Jesus
- 14 St Matthias
- 16 St. Margaret of Cortona, III Ord.
- 17 St. Paschal Baylon, religious, I Ord.
- 18 St. Felix of Cantalice, religious, I Ord
- 19 St. Crispin of Viterbo, religious, I Ord.
- 20 St. Bernardine of Siena, priest, I Ord.
- 21 Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church**
- 21 Bl. Franz Jägerstätter, Martyr, III Ord.
- 24 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, 1253
- 5-28 Pentecost**
- 28 St. Mariana of Jesus de Paredes, virgin, III Ord.
- 30 St. Ferdinand, king, III Ord., St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, III Ord, d. 1431
- 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Camilla Battista of XXVarano, OSC.

<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/traditional-franciscan-calendar.html>

**Editor's Corner**

***The Catechism in a Year***, with Fr. Mike Schmitz has been an amazing and enlightening gift! It is a daily, brief (15-30 minutes), teaching covering a few paragraphs of the Catechism each day. I am enjoying and learning from it every day! "Discovering our identity in God's family as we journey together towards our heavenly home" as Father Mike states in his introduction. Jump in now, start with day 1 and enjoy the journey.

**The Catechism in a Year resources:**

- <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>
- [The Catechism in a Year \(with Fr. Mike Schmitz\) \[OFFICIAL\] | Facebook](#)

**Events!**

**Annual Serra Retreat**

May 26 – 28, 2023

**What is Ours to Do in the 21st Century?**  
 Learning From the Past, Serving in the Present,  
 Preparing for the Future.

**Retreat Presenter:** Mark Lesniewski

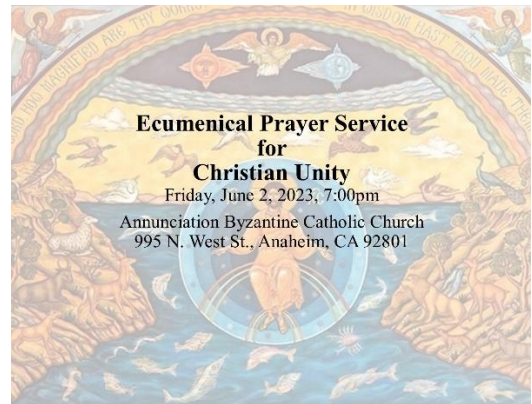
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**Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity**

**Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church**

Service will feature Roman Catholic, Eastern Catholic, Orthodox Churches and Coptic Youth choirs. A Reception will follow the Service and it will be at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 995 N. West St., Anaheim, CA 92801. Please join us for this very special event. Date: Friday, June 2, at 7pm



**Anniversary Celebrations!**

**San Juan Capistrano and St. Max Kolbe**

We have big celebrations for our two fraternities! San Juan Capistrano is celebrating 40 years as a fraternity and St. Max Kolbe is celebrating 25 years as a fraternity. A Mass and a reception are planned to commemorate this momentous event! After mass, our Franciscan favorite - food and love. Come join in the celebration!  
**Where** - St. Timothy's Catholic Church - Laguna Niguel  
**When** – Saturday, June 17, 2023  
**Time** - 11:30am Mass and then reception to follow

# Orange District Picnic - 2023

May 13 at Pearson Park, Anaheim

Many fraternities gathered together at Pearson Park in Anaheim. There was lots of food, fun, and games.



Fraternity members who were present at the picnic:  
Cynthia U., Anne, Cynthia A., Tina and Irene



Juliana Lim of St. Clare fraternity, Westminster was the winner of the M&M guessing game!



Group photo of all who came!

Here are all the photos from our District Picnic.

Please click on the link below to view all of the people, fun, games and wonderful conversations!. Have a great day!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/69rZRx1hqPvzNJPP7>



Lots of food!



Tina, Paul and I were enjoying the food. 😊



Cynthia and Irene each received a rosary for winning a game of bowling!