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St. Francis Region News!

Minister's Message

Happiness vs. Joy

On Sunday, February 12th, Immaculate Conception Fraternity had a Profession for two new members. At the Mass, Fr. Vincent Mesi, OFM, gave a homily comparing happiness and joy. Some would say that they are synonymous. But they are really quite different.

Happiness is an emotion. And the “pursuit of happiness” seems to be very important to many people. The desire to attain and maintain happiness means constantly striving to acquire all the things and participate in activities that make a person happy such as having the newest technology, new clothes, a new car, or a tropical vacation. But when individuals are totally focused on their happiness, they turn away from anything that will bring sadness, distress, anger, or many other emotions. Although we may not like some other emotions as much as happiness, they are an important part of living. And they are a big part in serving others. Those who want only happiness in their lives often ignore the needs of those around them.

As we contemplate the life of Jesus, we see that he felt the many emotions that we all do. He got frustrated when his disciples didn't understand what he was saying, he felt rejected when visiting his hometown, he got disgusted and angry when he saw the money changers in the temple, and he felt anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane. There were also times of happiness, calmness, and excitement. Throughout his ministry, Jesus demonstrated great compassion for those who came to him in need.

How is joy different from happiness? As Fr. Vince pointed out, when we are in difficult situations, such as being treated for Cancer, grieving the loss of a loved one, or getting laid off from a job, we can still have joy. I believe that this is because joy comes from God. Our faith in God leads us to the knowledge that the Lord is all-loving, and when we truly know that we are loved and cared for by the Triune God, we can have joy even in the most difficult situations. And by acknowledging and embracing the joy that comes from God, we can more easily accept all that we encounter in life.

To put it simply, happiness is an emotion that the world values and encourages but that is not sustainable. Joy is a gift from God that can sustain us throughout all the highs and lows of life.

Peace & JOY!

Caroline

Minister's Message Translations

Felicidad vs. Gozo

El domingo 12 de febrero, la Fraternidad Inmaculada Concepción celebró la Profesión de dos nuevos miembros. En la misa, el P. Vincent Mesi, OFM, pronunció una homilía en la que comparó la felicidad y el gozo. Algunos dirían que son sinónimos. Pero en realidad son muy diferentes.

La felicidad es una emoción. Y la "búsqueda de la felicidad" parece ser muy importante para muchas personas. El deseo de alcanzar y mantener la felicidad significa esforzarse constantemente por adquirir todas las cosas y participar en las actividades que hacen feliz a una persona, como tener lo último en tecnología, ropa nueva, un auto nuevo o unas vacaciones tropicales. Pero cuando las personas están totalmente centradas en su felicidad, se apartan de cualquier cosa que les produzca tristeza, angustia, ira o muchas otras emociones. Aunque estas otras emociones no nos agradan tanto como la felicidad, son un componente importante de la vida. Además, son un elemento primordial en el servicio a los demás. Aquellos que sólo desean la felicidad en sus vidas a menudo ignoran las necesidades de los que les rodean.

Al contemplar la vida de Jesús, vemos que sentía las muchas emociones al igual que todos nosotros. Se frustraba cuando sus discípulos no entendían lo que decía, se sentía rechazado cuando visitaba su pueblo natal, se indignó y enfadó al ver a los cambistas en el templo, y sintió angustia en el huerto de Getsemaní. También hubo momentos de felicidad, calma y entusiasmo. A lo largo de su ministerio, Jesús demostró una gran misericordia hacia quienes acudían a él en su necesidad.

¿En qué se diferencia el gozo de la felicidad? Como lo señaló el P. Vincent, cuando nos encontramos en situaciones difíciles, como el tratamiento de un cáncer, el duelo por la pérdida de un ser querido o el despido de un trabajo, aún podemos tener gozo. Creo que esto se debe a que el gozo viene de Dios. Nuestra fe en Dios nos lleva al conocimiento de que el Señor es todo amor, y cuando realmente reconocemos que somos amados y protegidos por el Dios Trino, podemos tener gozo incluso en las situaciones más difíciles. Y al reconocer y abrazar el gozo que viene de Dios, podemos fácilmente aceptar todo lo que encontramos en la vida.

En pocas palabras, la felicidad es una emoción que el mundo valora y fomenta, pero que no es duradera. El gozo es un don de Dios que puede sostenernos a lo largo de todos los avatares de la vida.

¡Paz y GOZO!

Caroline

행복과 기쁨

2월 12일 일요일, 이마쿨라 컨셉션 형제회 (Immaculate Conception Fraternity)는 두 명의 새로운 회원을 위한 서약식을 거행했습니다. 서약 미사에서 빈센트(Vincent Mesi, OFM) 신부님은 행복과 기쁨을 비교하는 강론을 했습니다. 어떤 사람들은 그것들이 동의어라고 말할 것입니다. 그러나 두 단어의 뜻은 정말로 상당히 다릅니다.

행복은 감정입니다. 그리고 "행복 추구"는 많은 사람들에게 매우 중요한 것 같습니다. 행복을 얻고 유지하려는 욕구는 모든 것을 얻기 위해 끊임없이 노력하고 최신 기술, 새 옷, 새 자동차, 열대 지방으로 떠나는 휴가 등 사람을 행복하게 만드는 활동에 참여하는 것을 의미합니다. 그러나 개인이 자신의 행복에 지나치게 집중하면 슬픔, 고통, 분노 또는 기타 많은 감정을 가져올 모든 것으로 부터 멀어집니다. 우리는 행복만큼 다른 감정을 좋아하지 않겠지만, 그것들도 삶의 중요한 부분입니다. 그리고 그 다른 감정들은 타인들에게 봉사하는 데 큰 역할을 합니다. 자신의 삶에서 행복만을 추구하는 사람들은 종종 주변 사람들의 필요를 무시합니다.

우리가 예수님의 생애를 묵상할 때 우리는 그분이 우리 모두가 느끼는 많은 감정을 느끼셨다는 것을 알게 됩니다. 그분은 제자들이 그분의 말씀을 이해하지 못하자 답답해 하셨고, 고향을 방문하셨을 때 거부감을 느끼셨으며, 성전에서 돈 바꾸는 사람들을 보고 역겨워하시며 화를 내셨고, 겐세마니 동산에서 괴로움을 느끼셨습니다. 또한 행복, 평온, 흥분의 감정도 가지셨습니다. 예수님께서서는 사역하시는 동안 도움이 필요한 사람들에게 큰 동정심을 나타내셨습니다.

기쁨은 행복과 어떻게 다른가요? 빈스(Fr. Vince) 신부님께서서는 우리가 암 치료를 받거나, 사랑하는 사람을 잃고 슬퍼하거나, 실직하는 등 어려운 상황에 처했을 때에도 여전히 기쁨을 누릴 수 있다고 지적했습니다. 기쁨은 하느님께서로부터 오기 때문이라고 믿기 때문입니다. 하느님께 대한 우리의 믿음은 주님께서 모든 것을 사랑하신다는 것을 깨닫게 합니다. 삼위일체 하나님께서 우리를 사랑하시고 보살피 주신다는 것을 진정으로 깨달을 때, 우리는 가장 어려운 상황에서도 기쁨을 가질 수 있습니다. 그리고 하느님으로부터 오는 기쁨을 인정하고 받아들임으로써 우리는 삶에서 만나는 모든 것을 더 쉽게 받아들일 수 있습니다.

간단히 말해서 행복은 세상이 가치 있게 여기고 장려하지만 지속 가능하지 않은 감정입니다. 기쁨은 삶의 모든 여정에서 우리를 지탱해 줄 수 있는 하느님의 선물입니다.

평화와 기쁨!

캐롤라인, 지구회장

Caroline

Hạnh Phúc So Với Niềm Vui

Chúa nhật ngày 12 tháng 2, Đoàn Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm Nguyên Tội đã tổ chức Lễ Tuyên Khấn cho hai thành viên mới. Trong thánh lễ, cha Vincent Mesi, OFM, có một bài giảng so sánh giữa hạnh phúc và niềm vui. Một số cho rằng hai từ ngữ này đồng nghĩa. Nhưng thực ra chúng khác nhau khá nhiều.

Hạnh phúc là một cảm xúc, và việc “mưu cầu hạnh phúc” dường như được rất nhiều người coi trọng. Lòng ham muốn và duy trì hạnh phúc có nghĩa là ta phải cố gắng không ngừng để có được mọi vật và tham gia vào các sinh hoạt làm cho ta cảm thấy hạnh phúc như có kỹ thuật mới nhất, quần áo mới, xe hơi mới hoặc một cuộc nghỉ mát ở vùng nhiệt đới. Nhưng khi mọi người đều hoàn toàn chú tâm vào hạnh phúc của riêng mình, họ thường tránh né bất cứ điều gì mang lại buồn phiền, đau khổ, tức giận hoặc những cảm xúc khác. Mặc dù chúng ta có thể không thích một số cảm xúc ấy bằng hạnh phúc, nhưng những cảm xúc ấy là một phần quan trọng của cuộc sống, và chúng cũng là một phần quan trọng trong việc phục vụ tha nhân. Những ai chỉ muốn hạnh phúc trong cuộc sống của họ thường bỏ qua nhu cầu của những người xung quanh.

Suy ngẫm về cuộc đời của Chúa Giê-su, ta thấy rằng Ngài cũng có nhiều cảm xúc như tất cả chúng ta. Ngài thất vọng khi các môn đồ không hiểu những lời Ngài dạy, Ngài cảm thấy bị từ chối khi về thăm quê hương, Ngài ghê tởm và tức giận khi thấy những người đổi tiền trong đền thờ, và Ngài cảm thấy đau khổ trong vườn Gét-hê-sê-ma-ni. Ngài cũng có những khoảnh khắc hạnh phúc, bình tâm và phấn khởi. Trong suốt cuộc đời rao giảng của Ngài, Chúa Giê-su đã thể hiện lòng trắc ẩn sâu xa đối với những ai thiếu thốn tìm đến với ngài.

Niềm vui khác với hạnh phúc thế nào? Như cha Vince đã nêu nên, khi chúng ta ở trong hoàn cảnh khó khăn, chẳng hạn như đang điều trị bệnh ung thư, đau buồn vì mất đi người thân hoặc bị cho nghỉ việc, ta vẫn có thể có được niềm vui. Tôi tin rằng đó là vì niềm vui đến từ Thiên Chúa. Đức tin của chúng ta nơi Thiên Chúa cho chúng ta hiểu rằng Chúa là Đấng tràn đầy yêu thương, và khi chúng ta thực sự biết rằng mình được Chúa Trời Ba Ngôi yêu thương và chăm sóc, thì chúng ta sẽ có được niềm vui ngay cả trong những hoàn cảnh khó khăn nhất. Và qua việc nhận biết và áp dụng niềm vui đến từ Thiên Chúa, chúng ta mới có thể sẵn sàng chấp nhận tất cả những gì ta phải đương đầu trong cuộc sống.

Nói một cách đơn giản, hạnh phúc là một cảm xúc mà thế gian quý trọng và khích lệ nhưng nó chẳng vững bền. Niềm vui là một món quà từ Thiên Chúa, Niềm vui ấy có thể nâng đỡ chúng ta trong mọi thăng trầm của cuộc sống.

Vui Tươi và An Bình!
Caroline

Conference of Regional Spiritual Assistants

Spiritual Assistant Training for Seculars

We are all aware of the shortage of friars to be Spiritual Assistants to the OFS fraternities. Out of the 23 fraternities of the St. Francis Region, four fraternities are without a Spiritual Assistant and some of the Seculars who are Spiritual Assistants are almost ready to pass on the torch.

The St. Francis Region has put together a team to train new Spiritual Assistants. This is a one-year program. The first meeting of the program and the final retreat will be in person at a central location in the region. There will be three course studies:

Franciscan Spirituality/Theology (twice a month) – presented by Br. Kip Ledger, OFM Cap.,
Sep/Dec/Mar/Jun

The Practical “How To” of Being an SA (once a month) – presented by Frank Miller, OFS,
Oct/Jan/Apr/Jul

Theological Reflection on class input (once a month) – Presented by Fr. Chris Thiel, OFM Cap.
Nov/Feb/May/Aug

Because of the size of the region the classes will be presented monthly via zoom. Each class will last 2 hours on a Saturday morning. This training program will begin August 5th. You must be professed for at least 5 years to be eligible to be a Spiritual Assistant. Completion of the program does not assure that you will be placed as a Spiritual Assistant.

Please take this to prayer and ask the Lord if you are being called to be a Spiritual Assistant! Local Ministers are also welcome, as it would give them a better understanding of the role of the Spiritual Assistant.

If you are interested in learning more about the Spiritual Assistant Training Program please contact Br. Kip Ledger at: friarqip@gmail.com

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Chris Thiel, OFM Cap.
Frank Miller, OFS
Br. Kip Ledger, OFM Cap

From our Formation Director *Nicolas Peters OFS*

“Loving God...May we follow your Son by walking in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi and by imitating his joyful love. (From “The Prayer for Imitating St. Francis of Assisi”).

My OFS Brothers and Sisters, I, Nicolas Peters, introduce myself as the newly appointed Formation Director of the Executive Council of the St. Francis Region. I am based in San Diego, California and belong to the Immaculate Conception Fraternity, making my profession in 1990. My fraternity ministries include gathering hospitality, assisting with Inquiry and Candidate formation, on-going formation presentations, and serving on the Council. My full-time job of 33 years as an educator and care-provider for Autistic and behaviorally-challenged individuals has provided many opportunities to live out my Franciscan Secular vocation as not just a job, but a ministry of love, patience and care in the name of Jesus Christ.

I am also very active at my home parish of St. Didacus (a Franciscan!). My ministries there include lector, homebound visits, rosary leader, Catechist / Religious Education, praise and worship musician, and retreat coordinator. However, out of all the things I do at St. Didacus, my most joyful is the annual Blessing of the Animals. For years, I have dressed as St. Francis, assisting the priests and visiting the parish school to educate the students about St. Francis, about his life and his encounters with the animals. With love and humility, I accept this opportunity to serve my OFS Community and honestly pledge to do the best I can with the Lord's grace and the spirit of St. Francis. Pray for me as I will hold you all in prayer.

Peace and Good, Nicolas Peters, OFS



JUSTICE, PEACE, AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION

Regional J.P.I.C. Animator Patricia Grace, OFS

***Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation: Love the Lord, Love the Earth,
Love God's Kingdom
See, Judge, Act****

SEE

The message of the encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is that it is our sacred duty to preserve the beauty and bounty of the earth, our common home, and to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The Franciscan Friars of the Saint Barbara Province have created an integral ecology initiative to honor and fulfill this sacred duty. The initiative is entitled "Laudato Si' Spirit: Collaboration for Action in the West." (See: <https://laudatosispirit.org/>) We, the Secular Franciscan Order of the St. Francis Region, have been invited to participate in this initiative.

JUDGE

In response to this invitation, we gathered on October 1, 2022 for a retreat at Mission San Luis Rey. Brother Keith Douglass Warner, O.F.M. from the Franciscan School of Theology and an expert on ecology, and Mercedes Matthews, Program Coordinator for *Laudato Si'* Spirit presented. Through an animated presentation by Brother Keith and opportunities for discussion, we learned of the climate problems and the effects on our common home, Sister Mother Earth, suffered most profoundly by the poor. Mercedes Matthews explained further how the *Laudato Si'* Spirit is organized, invited us to learn more on the website, and offered us her help.

ACT

Many of us present took the message back to our fraternities. On February 13, we convened our first meeting of the *Laudato Si'* Focus Group for the Secular Franciscans of the St. Francis Region. All fraternities were invited to attend. Six fraternities attended: Holy Spirit, Immaculata, Immaculate Conception, Mission San Luis Rey, St. Francis, and St. Luis the Rey. We gathered to vision how we want to move forward. We had a lively discussion with many wonderful ideas offered. We discussed how we want to examine our own lifestyles to understand how we as individuals contribute to the climate crisis and the changes we may want to make in our own lives. We discussed possible activities and actions by our fraternities and our parishes. Some dioceses in our region have Care for Creation teams and we considered how we may want to bring our Franciscan lens to that process. We acknowledge that there are possible civic actions we may eventually want to engage. We concluded we will take this message back to fraternities for further consideration on how to act.

**OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE LAUDATO SI' FOCUS GROUP IS APRIL 11 AT 7:00 P.M. JOIN US!
CONTACT PATRICIA GRACE AT patriciaelizabethgrace7@gmail.com for a ZOOM INVITATION
OR CALL HER AT 442 300-4652.**

Patricia Grace, OFS, JPIC Animator, St. Francis Region

**See, Judge, Act* is the title of a book by [Erin M. Brigham](#), Ph.D., a theologian and professor at the University of San Francisco. She provides a process to organize our thoughts and actions in keeping with Catholic teaching when addressing Peace and All Good,

2023 Regional Chapter in Pictures



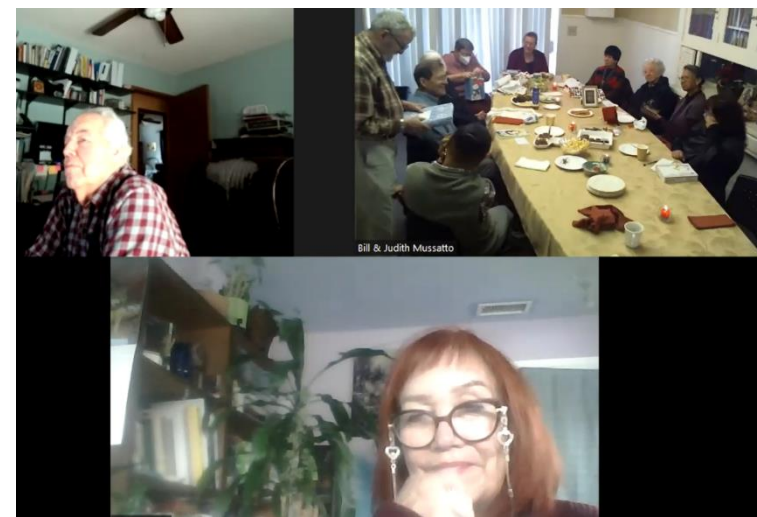
Riverside San Bernardino District

San Juan Capistrano Fraternity

One of the Founding Members of the Fraternity, Marie O'Donnell, met with Sister Death on October 20, 2022. She was just one month shy of her 100th birthday!

"She truly brought the Gospel to life for the members of our fraternity and the Secular Franciscan Order as a whole." San Juan Capistrano Fraternity's *The Dove*, November 2022, Page 4.

Ministers along with observers from *Holy Spirit, Immaculata and St. Padre Pio Fraternities* all attended the Regional Chapter this January. We were able to meet and plan joint activities for the upcoming year. We will resume the District Picnic and a celebration honoring the living Creche which St Francis popularized. We will also try to arrange a District Retreat. We were joined by our two REC Liaisons. We were also able to meet with the Regional Spiritual Assistants.



Giving out the Saint, Quote and Gift, two of our remote Fraternity Members

Holy Spirit Fraternity

Fraternity members donated non-perishable food, which along with gift cards, we delivered to four families as part of the annual Adopt-A-Family program. This was the first time in the last three years that we were able to deliver them in person.

In January we had our Annual Epiphany Party and were able to include several of our more distant members. After the meal we had a gift exchange including the gifts that were sent in. Everyone received a quote from the Bible and a Franciscan Saint or Blessed to learn about.



Three members of the Fraternity were present at the Regional Chapter. Bill, Fraternity Minister, Juanito, Fraternity Treasurer, as our observer, and Amelia, Regional Treasurer.

One of our members, Juanito, is on a medical mission to the Philippines. He leads a team who bring medical care to the underserved in various areas.



Juaneto, Bill and Amelia

San Luis Rey Fraternity - Professions!

On Saturday, February 4th, the San Luis Rey Fraternity welcomed four new sisters into the Secular Franciscan Order: Gina Martinot Quinn OFS (sponsored by Liz Mavis OFS), Carolyn Brock OFS (sponsored by Connie Collins OFS), Linda Gossett OFS (sponsored by Barbara Kaylor OFS), and Pamela McArthur OFS (sponsored by Carol Imhoff OFS). The Profession was held at the Mission San Luis Rey historic church and featured a communion service celebrated by Dcn. James Seiffert, OFM. Many, many thanks especially to our Director of Formation, Jan DeSpain OFS, for her guidance and support of these newly professed as well as Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, our Spiritual Assistant.



*From left to right: Laura Chun OFS – Minister, Jan DeSpain OFS – Director of Formation, Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald OSC – Spiritual Assistant, Gina Martinot Quinn OFS, Carolyn Brock OFS, Linda Gossett OFS, and Pamela McArthur OFS.
Photography by Tuan Cao, OFS.*

As professed members of the Secular Franciscan Order we had the beautiful opportunity to see our own professions in a new and vibrant way. There is so much grace! You can read more about Profession, and stir up the grace within us animated though our own professions [here](#).

“Lord, watch over these your servants: Gina, Carolyn, Linda, and Pamela. May the Spirit of your love penetrate their hearts, so that your grace will strengthen them to keep their commitment to the gospel life.” (Ritual II,30)

Pace e Bene -
Laura Chun, OFS

Immaculate Conception Fraternity Celebrates Professions

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, at Our Mother of Confidence Parish in San Diego, Leticia Gallego and Mary Leeds professed to the Secular Franciscan Order. Father Steven Larion, Pastor of Our Mother of Confidence, invited the fraternity to celebrate the Professions during a regular Sunday Mass and offered to celebrate it. Father Vincent Mesi, OFM, who serves at Immaculate Conception Parish in Old Town (where Immaculate Conception Fraternity was founded in 1912), served as Church Witness and Celebrant for the Professions. Several brothers and sisters from other fraternities attended. A simple reception followed the Mass, and family, friends, parishioners, and Seculars shared in Mary's and Leticia's joy and welcomed them into the Franciscan Family!



Minister Peggy Botte (L). Mary Leeds and Leticia Gallego make their intention to profess to the Secular Franciscan Order before Church Witness and Profession Celebrant, Fr. Vincent Mesi, OFM



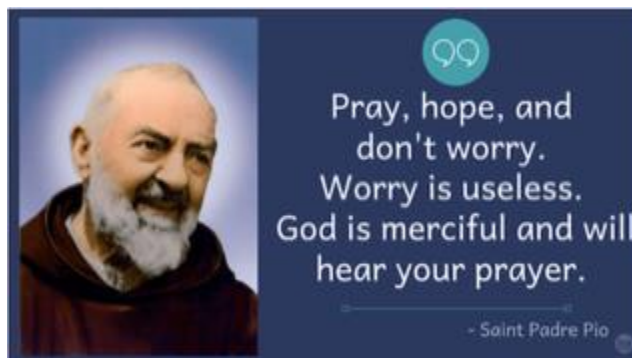
(L to R) Sponsor Dora Luz Ley Chin, Candidate Mary Leeds making her profession, Minister Peggy Botte, Candidate Leticia Gallego, and Sarah Langlois, standing in for Leticia's Sponsor, Peggy Botte.



Seculars and family stand before the sanctuary after the Profession Mass in Our Mother of Confidence Church.



Reception After Profession Mass (L to R) Fr. Steven Larion, Pastor of Our Mother of Confidence Parish, Formation Director Becky Taylor, Sponsor Dora Luz Ley Chin, newly professed Mary Leeds, Minister Peggy Botte, newly professed Leticia Gallego, and Church Witness/Profession Celebrant, Fr. Vince Mesj, OFM





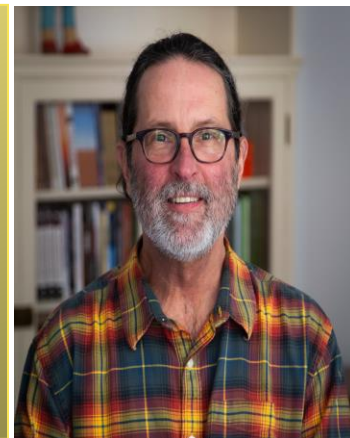
Secular Franciscan Order Retreat

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

In January of 1984, Mark Lesniewski was in his second semester of seminary studies in the San Francisco Bay area for the Archdiocese of Denver. One day, he had a life changing encounter with St. Francis of Assisi. He deeply knew that he had to follow Francis. Mark left the Archdiocese of Denver and was accepted into a program with the Franciscans of the Santa Barbara, California Province to learn to live a Franciscan lifestyle. He eventually left the Franciscans but he has continued to live a Franciscan lifestyle, serving people on the margins of society through various ministries. Currently Mark offers Spiritual Direction, Retreat Facilitation, and instruction in contemplative practices at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Portland, Oregon.



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Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs Presents...



Franciscan Spirituality as a Counter Cultural Path

October 12-22, 2023

Assisi, Cortona, Foligno, Greccio, & Rome, Italy



This pilgrimage offers pilgrims the opportunity to explore how Franciscan spirituality follows a counter-cultural approach to life. By exploring the vocation choices of Francis and Clare, as well as prominent lay Franciscans, such as Lady Jacopa dei Settesoli, Angela of Foligno, and Margaret of Cortona, this pilgrimage offers opportunities to discern real life decisions such as career/vocation; family life; use of money and resources; and leadership in our world. The pilgrimage includes meal and evening prayer with the Sant'Egidio community at Santa Maria in Trastevere.

What's Included:

Each pilgrimage consists of input by well-prepared, trained staff • wholesome meals served family style • visits to sacred Christian and Franciscan places • in depth historical information • free time • daily prayer at holy places • spiritual conferences • opportunities to enjoy local cafes and restaurants • time for quiet.



St. Peter's Basilica

Pricing:

Pilgrimage (double occupancy room): \$3,850

Single room: + \$350

Tentative Schedule:

October 12: Depart the USA for Rome, IT

October 13: Arrival & Orientation; St. Peter's Basilica

October 14: San Francesco a Ripa and Lady Jacopa— Discerning Right Use of Resources

October 15: To Assisi via Foligno: Angela of Foligno—Authenticity in the Face of Judgment

October 16: Assisi; San Francesco—Tomb of Lady Jacopa; Santa Chiara

October 17: San Damiano

October 18: Day Trip to Cortona: Margaret of Cortona—Conflict and the Spiritual Path

October 19: Carceri—The Spiritual Path and Time/Space for Clear Understanding; Optional Walking Meditation to/from Carceri

October 20: La Maddalena and Porziuncola

October 21: To Fiumicino via Greccio

October 22: Departure from Rome to the USA



Santuario del Presepe, Greccio



Porziuncola, Assisi

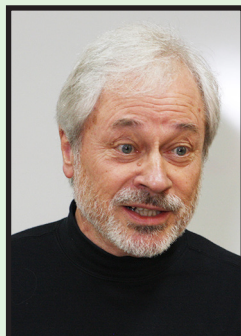


Cortona, Italy

Leaders:



Dr. Darleen Pryds



Dr. Jean-François
Godet-Calogeras

For more information and to register, please contact Jenell Klovas at (414) 427- 0570 x246 or jenellfpp@thefranciscans.net

Important Announcements

Scully Fund Requirements

The Scully Fund has been set up to encourage fraternities in the St. Francis Region to participate in charitable activities.

When members of a fraternity take an active role in an apostolic activity and use fraternity funds to purchase materials or supplies for the activity, the fraternity may request to be reimbursed by the Scully Fund for half of those expenses by supplying the following:

- A letter detailing the activity, the date it occurred, the number of fraternity members involved, and the amount of expenses incurred.
- Receipts for the purchases or a copy of the check(s) used to pay for the items.
- A request for reimbursement of half of the expenses.

Send the above information to either the Minister or Treasurer of the St. Francis Region.



THE ADDRESS OF ST. FRANCIS REGION IS:
10185 Pinetree Dr.
San Diego, CA 92131-1218



Last Will and Testament

Each of us can play a vital role in preserving and extending our Secular Franciscan way of life, in our own fraternity, and at the regional level.

This can be accomplished in many ways, including a bequest in your will.

Suggested beneficiaries:

- Your FRATERNITY
- Your REGION

Suggested wording for your bequests:

1. A BEQUEST FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my disposable estate) to: (name and address of fraternity, or region).

2. A RESIDUARY BEQUEST OF INDEFINITE AMOUNT:

"After payment of expenses, debts and specific bequests, I direct that the residue of my estate be given to: (name and address)

or

"I bequeath to (name and address) any part of my estate that other beneficiaries are unable to receive because of death or other reasons."