

*This is what I want!*

¡Esto es lo que quiero!

# *Joy of Francis*

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Đây là điều tôi muốn!

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## *St. Francis Regional News!*

### *Minister's Message: New Theme for the Region - Part 3*

In the previous two issues of the *Joy of Francis* the first two questions asked during profession were addressed since the theme for this term of the Regional Executive Council is “This is what I want!” – the answer we give to each of the three questions. Here we’ll review the third question:

“You have been made members of the People of God by your Baptism, and strengthened in Confirmation by the new gift of the Spirit, in order to proclaim Christ by your life and your words. Do you wish to bind yourself more closely to the Church and to work intently to rebuild the ecclesial community and fulfill its mission among all people?”

And for the third time, we say “Yes, this is what I want.” We say that we want to not just attend Mass on a regular basis but be bound to Holy Mother Church. We wish to not just talk about what should or should not be happening within the Church but support it by working intently to promote its mission in our communities and in the world. It means that the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation have an impact on how we live. That includes how we think, how we make decisions, how we choose to spend our time, how we speak to people, and how we respond to those in need – including the ones we know personally and the ones we’ll never meet.

By our “Yes!” we are saying that we are not just part-time Catholics who participate when it’s convenient, or that we only focus on our personal relationship with God. We are saying that we are bound to the Church more closely than before, and more each day as we strive for daily conversion. And we are saying that we don’t just focus on our family, friends and fraternities, but that we take our Rule to heart and live it wherever we are and with whomever we encounter.

If we are living what we have professed by sharing our faith and living the Franciscan charism, we are also missionaries – Church members on a mission - who take being “People of God” very seriously. May we be blessed with God’s graces to be bound more closely to the Church and to do what we are called to do.

Peace & JOY!

Caroline

## *Minister's Message Translations*

### *Mensaje del Ministro: Nuevo Lema para la Región - Parte 3*

En las dos publicaciones anteriores de la *Alegría de Francisco* se abordaron las dos primeras preguntas que se hacen durante la profesión, ya que el lema para este período del Consejo Ejecutivo Regional es “¡Esto es lo que quiero!” – la respuesta que damos a cada una de las tres preguntas. Aquí trataremos la tercera pregunta:

“Has sido hecho miembro del Pueblo de Dios por tu Bautismo, y fortalecido en la Confirmación por el nuevo don del Espíritu, con el fin de proclamar a Cristo con tu vida y tus palabras. ¿Deseas unirme más estrechamente a la Iglesia y trabajar intensamente para re-edificar la comunidad eclesial y cumplir su misión entre todos los pueblos?”

Y, por tercera vez, decimos “Sí, esto es lo que quiero.” Decimos que queremos no solamente asistir a Misa regularmente, sino estar unidos a la Santa Madre Iglesia. Deseamos no solo hablar de lo que debería o no debería suceder dentro de la Iglesia, sino apoyarla trabajando intensamente para promover su misión en nuestras comunidades y en el mundo. Significa que los Sacramentos del Bautismo y la Confirmación tienen un impacto en la manera cómo vivimos. Eso incluye cómo pensamos, cómo tomamos decisiones, cómo elegimos usar nuestro tiempo, cómo hablamos con las personas y cómo respondemos a quienes nos necesitan - incluyendo a aquellos que conocemos personalmente y a quienes nunca conoceremos.

Con nuestro “¡Sí!” estamos diciendo que no somos católicos de tiempo parcial que participan cuando es conveniente o se enfocan solamente en su relación personal con Dios. Estamos diciendo que vivimos en comunión con la Iglesia más estrechamente que antes, y cada día más mientras nos esforzamos por una conversión diaria. Y estamos diciendo que no solo nos enfocamos en nuestra familia, amigos y fraternidades, sino que llevamos nuestra Regla en el corazón y la vivimos dondequiera que estemos y con quienes nos encontremos.

Si vivimos lo que hemos profesado compartiendo nuestra fe y viviendo el carisma franciscano, también somos misioneros – miembros de la Iglesia en misión – que toman muy en serio el ser “Pueblo de Dios.” Que seamos bendecidos con las gracias de Dios para estar más estrechamente unidos a la Iglesia y para hacer lo que estamos llamados a hacer.

¡Paz y GOZO!

Caroline

## *Thư Ngỏ của Trường Phục Vụ: Chủ Đề Mới Của Miền - Phần 3*

Trong hai số báo *Niềm Vui của Phanxicô* trước, hai câu hỏi đầu tiên trong nghi thức tuyên khấn đã được đề cập vì chủ đề của Hội Đồng Phục Vụ Miền cho nhiệm kỳ này là “Đây là điều tôi muốn!” – câu trả lời mà chúng ta thưa cho mỗi câu trong ba câu hỏi. Hôm nay, chúng ta sẽ tập trung vào câu hỏi thứ ba:

“Được trở nên thành phần Dân Chúa nhờ bí tích Thánh Tẩy, và được vững mạnh trong bí tích Thêm Sức nhờ ân huệ mới Chúa Thánh Linh ban cho, để dùng gương sống và lời nói làm chứng cho Đức Kitô, các anh/chị có muốn kết hiệp mật thiết hơn với Hội Thánh, ra sức xây dựng Hội Thánh và cộng tác vào sứ vụ của Hội Thánh giữa loài người không?”

Và lần thứ ba, chúng ta thưa: “Vâng, đây là điều tôi muốn.” Chúng ta tuyên bố rằng chúng ta không chỉ muốn tham dự Thánh Lễ thường xuyên mà còn muốn kết hiệp mật thiết hơn với Hội Thánh. Chúng ta không ước ao chỉ nói về những gì nên hoặc không nên xảy ra trong Hội Thánh, mà còn hỗ trợ bằng cách chăm chỉ làm việc để thúc đẩy sứ mệnh của Hội Thánh trong cộng đồng và trên thế giới. Nghĩa là bí tích Rửa Tội và Thêm Sức có tác động đến lối sống của chúng ta. Điều này bao gồm cách chúng ta suy nghĩ, cách chúng ta quyết định, cách chúng ta dùng thời gian của mình, cách chúng ta nói chuyện với mọi người, và cách chúng ta đối xử với những người cần sự giúp đỡ – kể cả những người chúng ta quen biết và những người chúng ta chưa từng gặp.

Qua lời thưa “Vâng!” của mình, chúng ta khẳng định rằng chúng ta không chỉ là những người Công giáo bán thời gian, tham gia khi nào thuận tiện, hay chỉ tập trung vào mối quan hệ cá nhân với Thiên Chúa. Chúng ta nói rằng chúng ta gắn bó với Hội Thánh mỗi ngày một chặt chẽ hơn, trong khi chúng ta phấn đấu cho sự hoán cải hàng ngày. Và chúng ta cũng nói rằng chúng ta không chỉ chú trọng đến gia đình, bạn bè, và huynh đệ đoàn, mà chúng ta quyết tâm sống theo Luật Dờ ở bất cứ nơi đâu và với bất kỳ những ai chúng ta gặp.

Nếu chúng ta sống theo những điều chúng ta đã tuyên xưng bằng cách chia sẻ đức tin và sống theo linh đạo Phan Sinh, chúng ta cũng là những người truyền giáo – là những thành viên của Hội Thánh trong một sứ mệnh – những người nhìn nhận mình là “Dân Chúa” cách đúng nghĩa. Nguyện xin Chúa ban tràn đầy hồng ân để chúng ta được gắn bó hơn với Hội Thánh, và thực hiện những gì chúng ta được kêu gọi để làm.

Vui Tươi và An Bình!

Caroline

## 회장메세지: 지구형제회 새 주제 3부

서약 예절의 세 질문에 대한 답이자 현 지구형제회 상임위원회가 선정한 주제인 ‘이것이 내가 원하는 바입니다’에 대하여 지난 두 Joy of Francis 에서 첫 두 질문을 살펴보았습니다. 여기서는 세번째 질문을 살펴보겠습니다.

“여러분이 세례로 하느님 백성의 지체가 되고 견진성사로 성령의 새로운 선물을 받아 굳세게 되었으니 생활과 말을 통해 그리스도의 증인이 되었습니다. 이제 여러분은 교회와 더욱 굳게 결합하여 열심히 교회 재건에 노력하고 모든 사람을 위한 선교 사명에 참여하기를 원합니까?”

우리는 세번째로 “이것이 내가 원하는 바입니다”라고 답하였습니다. 미사에 충실히 참여하는 것 뿐만 아니라 거룩한 어머니 교회에 소속되기를 원한다고 답하였습니다. 우리는 교회 안에서 무엇을 해야할지 무엇을 하지말아야 할 지를 말하는 것에 그치지 않고 우리 공동체와 세상에서 교회의 사명을 촉진하는데 도움을 주기를 원합니다. 이것은 세례와 견진 성사가 우리가 어떻게 살아야하는 지에 영향을 주는 지를 의미합니다. 어떻게 생각하고 지인들과 모르는 이들의 필요를 포함하여 도움이 필요한 이들의 필요에 어떻게 응할지에 영향을 줍니다.

우리의 ‘예!’는 내가 편할 때만 참가하는 파트타임 가톨릭이나 하느님과의 관계에만 집중하겠다고 말하는 것이 아닙니다. 전보다 교회에 더욱 밀접하게 소속되고 하루 하루 더 매일의 회개를 노력하겠다고 말하는 것입니다. 또한 나의 가족, 친구, 형제회에만 집중하겠다고 말하는 것이 아니라, 우리가 사는 곳에서 우리가 만나는 누구든지와 우리의 회칙을 마음에 담는 것을 말합니다.

우리의 믿음을 나누며 프란치스칸 카리즘을 살아 우리의 서약을 살 때, 우리는 ‘하느님 백성’임을 심각하게 받아들이는 사명을 지닌 교회의 구성원인 선교사입니다. 우리가 교회에 더 친밀하게 소속되고 우리가 부름받은 바를 이룰 수 있도록 하느님의 은총이 내리시길 빕니다.

평화와 기쁨!

Caroline

# Formation

Who are You? Who am I?

John Kwon

The Stigmata of St. Francis was a familiar story to me, but one I struggled to relate to personally. I learned about it during my formation, but I don't recall studying it as in-depth as other subjects like the poverty, humility, conversion or fraternal love. This September 17th would have been just another Feast of the Stigmata, but this year's Feast happened to be the 800th one, which got me thinking about what Francis' Stigmata means to me. Given the significance of this feast, I felt that I was not quite ready to celebrate it as I couldn't make any personal connection.

Then I got lucky and read an article titled 'The Stigmata of St. Francis: Embracing the Crucified Christ' by Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, from the September issue of St. Anthony Messenger. The article describes the circumstances under which Francis went to La Verna. He was losing his sight and stomach problems were getting worse. Adding to his physical suffering, he had to witness the order he founded losing its direction: drifting away from the way God had revealed to him and influenced by the growing number of his own brothers with different ideals. Alongside these two well-known circumstances to us Franciscans, Fr. Greg suggests another: as a peace maker, Francis was likely disturbed by Pope Honorio's announcement of the Fifth Crusade. Perhaps Francis was at the lowest point in his life both physically and spiritually, under a great deal of stress and perhaps even despair - not exactly ideal circumstances for his glorious moment.

The author connects a story from an early collection on Francis, *The Deeds of Blessed Francis and His Companions*, to the event of the Stigmata. This is the story of Br. Leo who, despite Francis' strict instruction not to disturb him, snuck up to observe Francis. He overheard Francis continually praying, "Who are you, my most dear God, and who am I, a worm and your little servant?" Br. Leo got caught and reprimanded but asked Francis to explain what he had overheard. Francis responded, "Two lights were open for me in what you saw and heard: one, a knowledge of the Creator, and the other, a knowledge of myself."

Fr. Greg suggests that these two questions are one of the simplest ways to approach God. Francis' lifelong pursuit of these two questions, while carrying his own cross, bore fruit at La Verna where he came to know God and himself. This was my 'aha' moment when I saw a possible way to connect myself to Francis' Stigmata. I will continue to ponder these two questions, hoping they will help me to remember what is truly important in my life and keep me focused on them, especially when facing seemingly impossible difficulties that life throws my way. I once heard that God's light shines brightest when human's light fades. "Who are you, my God, and who am I, your humble Secular Franciscan servant?"

# *Conference of Regional Spiritual Assistants*

## *Advent*

This is the 63<sup>rd</sup> Advent of my life and I'm still not tired of celebrating it. It is a season of "preparation." After 63 years, besides the third and final stage of my life - eternal life with the Lord - what do I really have left to prepare for?

The Church will explain that we are preparing for the coming Christ in three ways: a celebration of the manifestation of God's infinite love in the Incarnation, the coming of Christ in each of our personal lives, and the second coming of Christ into the world as the triumphant King! St. Bonaventure, in his three-fold way, tells us that God prepares us and illumines us so that He can become one with us in perfect union.

I believe that God gives us each many advents in our lives - times of preparation in the way God calls each of us to live our particular life. He is continually preparing us for what He has instore for us.

When I entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order as a novice in the Province of St. Augustine, it was the first year we initiated starting the novitiate on Advent and it continued to the end of the liturgical year. I actually thought the whole concept was rather "advantageous." Either way, the symbolism of God preparing me for Capuchin Franciscan life was quite powerful! Amazingly, each ministry I was assigned to prepared me for the next.

When I was a student friar my classes, along with my involvement in my home parish before I entered, prepared me for my first assignment of working in a parish. I also worked with the Capuchin Volunteers which prepared me for my next assignment as Director of Cap Corps, which prepared me for working with the Postulants, which prepared me for becoming the Postulant Director and then onto the novitiate.

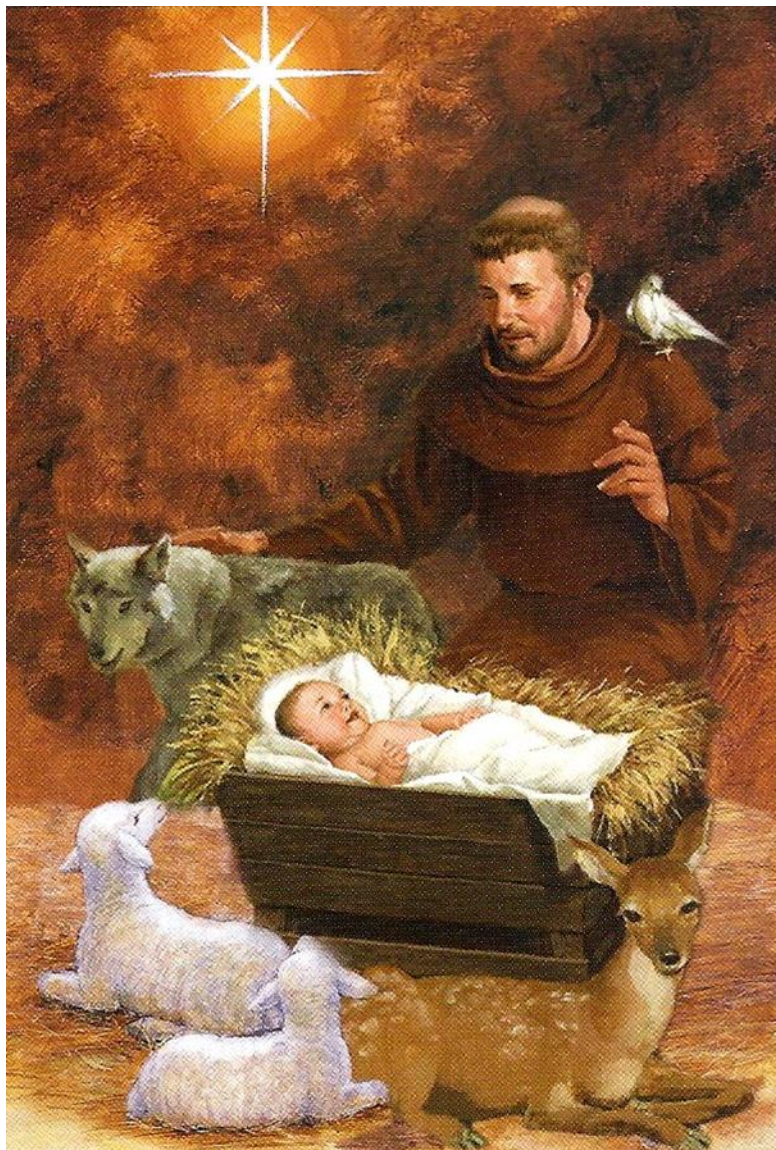
Even when I was young, God was preparing me for Franciscan life. My mother taught me the importance of family (fraternity) and my dad taught me how to be a contemplative. We used to go hunting and fishing together. We wouldn't speak very much but we didn't have to. We were together - he knew I loved him, and I knew he loved me. My best friend taught me the importance of true penance through active ministry - how to live our lives for others. He was 11 and I was 8, and we would shovel snow for the older people who weren't able to shovel for themselves and not charge them for it.

I often wondered why, before I was a friar, I worked in many different trades - never being consistent with any one specific trade. Then a few years ago I remodeled an old convent into a friary, and it all made sense.

I'm sure as we all look back, we can recognize the advents in our lives and how God would use these situations (good or bad), to prepare and form us into who we are today. And maybe once or twice He threw a surprise in there just to change it up a little and see how we handle it. There were certainly a few surprises along my journey from time to time, but in hindsight they all make more sense now.

I hope you can all take some time and reflect on the advents of your life and see how God was there to prepare you for who you are and continues to prepare you for who you are yet to be, your true self, the self that God created you to be. I hope that He still has a few surprises and gifts up His sleeve to give you a little chuckle now and then. No matter how many Advents you may still have in your life, I hope you never grow tired of celebrating them!

Bro Kip



# *Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation*

## *Franciscans in Prayer, Service, and Song*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At the gracious invitation of the Regional Executive Council, I am returning to serve as JPIC Animator for the St. Francis Region. I am grateful to return to serving our Order and our Region in this role. I look forward to working with all of you as we live out our Franciscan promise to build a more loving, thoughtful, caring world, grounded in prayer and contemplation, and expressed in compassionate, loving action. And, of course, we must sing as our wonderful Saint loved to sing! Therefore, sisters and brothers, join me as we move forward to 2025 in prayer, service, and song.

The basic outline for this coming year's work is as follows. The plan detailed below is flexible. Please know I welcome any discussion about it, any thoughts you may have about how to meet our mission, and any invitations to visit with your fraternity.

- ❖ Every month I will send and post a monthly letter, which will include a suggested topic for us to focus on collectively, raising our prayers, seeking individual and collective service projects, and songs. I will send the letters out in time for planning. Therefore, as you plan for your fraternal activities for January, you will have received my letter by the end of the first week of December.
- ❖ I plan to write up some of the projects various fraternities are doing and sharing them, either through direct email with the region or on the website, or both. Keep that in mind as you engage in projects. I would love to join you.
- ❖ Let us do some field trips together. We can plan one in the north, then the center of the region, and the south. If you have any ideas for good field trips, let me know.
- ❖ I invite you to suggest any books and/or films on JPIC topics and we can post them on the website. We may also want to consider book and film reviews. All are invited to share one with me and I will make sure it gets distributed.
- ❖ Of course, I am always up to do a presentation, either in person or by ZOOM, or a workshop on any topic of interest. I have the list of presenters for our region that we can reach out to for presentations.

Barbara Courtois from the St. Francis Fraternity in Los Angeles is on board to help us in any way that is needed. I look forward to working with all of you as we seek to "Follow Jesus Like Him:

<https://youtu.be/rgvIPVbkiHc?si=DIqTs1AQILZyuABA>

Peace and All Good,

Patricia Grace, OFS  
JPIC Animator



# 2024 REGIONAL GATHERING at St. Hedwig Parish, Los Alamitos



Presenter  
Fr. Joseph Chinnici, OFM



Group discussions



Presenter  
Fr. Francis Yongho Lee, OFM



Multi-lingual Closing Prayer



## *A North American Korean Retreat*

From September 26th to 29th in Phoenix, AZ, 178 Korean OFS members from 23 different fraternities across the US and Canada gathered with 3 priests (Fr. Francis Kim, OFM from NY, Fr. Leonard Kim, OFM from South Korea, Fr. Joseph Koo from Florida) and one nun (Sr. Sofia Lee from New Mexico) for lectures, mass, and fellowship.

We had a meaningful retreat to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Stigmata of St. Francis. Our guest Jane DeRose-Bamman, US National Minister of the OFS, gave an introduction and presentation. All the members enjoyed conversation and fellowship.

The 11th Korean Congress took place in Washington, D.C. in 2017, before the pandemic. At its conclusion, we sadly parted ways and couldn't have imagined it would be another seven years until we reconvened for the 12th Congress, in late September 2024. We have pledged to meet again in just three years' time and are looking forward to the 13th Congress in 2027.

Paul Lee, OFS



# *Fraternity News*

## *Holy Spirit Fraternity*

This has been a rather calm period. We supported one of our parishes with a Blessing of the Animals.



## *Immaculate Conception Fraternity*

San Diego, CA

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception Fraternity, San Diego, met at Our Mother of Confidence Church where Brother Rufino Zaragoza, OFM, presented a Day of Reflection entitled, "Praying the Liturgy of the Hours." Brother Rufino talked about the theological basics, the historical development of the two forms of praying the Liturgy ("Cathedral" and "Monastic"), and the Vatican II renewal of the Hours for lay people. He also discussed how to pray the Hours individually and in the Cathedral form. We ended our day together with Evening Prayer prepared by Brother Rufino and our own Sarah and Eugene Langlois, OFS. Brother Rufino is an engaging, thought-provoking speaker, and our fraternity is blessed to have had the opportunity to learn about the liturgy of the Church!



Brother Rufino Zaragoza, OFM

## *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

This year, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity in Santa Ana joyfully celebrated significant Franciscan events, including the Commemoration of the Stigmata of St. Francis, the Transitus of St. Francis, and the Blessing of Animals.

To Commemorate the Stigmata a special Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Santa Ana. Our fellow parishioners joined us in prayer and reverence for this profound moment in the life of our beloved saint. The following celebration was a reflection for the Transitus of St. Francis. Together, our fraternity prayed a Novena, preparing our hearts and minds to remember St. Francis' transition from this life into eternal peace. Finally, to honor his love for all creation, we culminated this Novena with two beautiful days dedicated to the Blessing of Animals.

We owe the success of these celebrations to the support and enthusiasm of our pastor, Fr. Domingo Ramos, whose guidance and encouragement brought the spirit of St. Francis alive for all in our parish. Through these gatherings, we hope to continue spreading St. Francis' message of peace, love, and respect for all creation.



## *St. Anthony of Padua Vietnamese Fraternity - San Diego*

Members of St. Anthony of Padua Vietnamese fraternity celebrated the annual Feast Day of the Vietnamese Martyrs on November 24. The Memorial honors the 130,000 to 300,000 Christians who were martyred in Vietnam between 1630 and 1886. On June 19, 1988, the known martyrs were canonized by Saint John Paul II, including 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spanish Dominicans, and 10 French members of the Paris Foreign Missions Society.



## *St. Diego and St. Clare of Rowland Heights Fraternities*

On Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 a profession retreat with the subject of “Ascent to La Verna with Bonaventure” followed by Mass of Profession was held at Mission San Luis Rey. Thirty-nine members of the two fraternities attended the retreat and Mass. Caroline Yandell, Minister of St. Francis Region, also joined the Mass and congratulated the three newly professed members and both fraternities with her blessings.



St. Diego and St. Clare - Rowland Heights fraternities have three newly professed members – from left to right, Teresa Yoo (St. Clare), Genovefa Lee (St. Diego), Fr. Yongho Francis Lee (Presider: OFM, Franciscan School of Theology), and Daniel Shin (St. Clare).



## *St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity*

On August 11, Regional Minister Caroline Yandell, OFS, led a fraternal visitation with St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity in Silverlake. Also in attendance were members originally from St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity who recently transferred into St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity.

## *St. Louis the King Fraternity*

On October 5, 2024, St. Louis the King Fraternity in Santa Barbara had a Renewal of Profession and celebrated the Rite of Admission for their candidates! The fraternity welcomed Monalisa Hasson, Monica Langhorne, Kerry Parker, Elizabeth Reyes, Donna Rubio, and Sandy Wallace. Presider was Fr. Gene Pistacchio.



## *St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity*

Some members of St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity traveled to the Franciscan parish in Hermosa Beach, and others to Mission San Luis Rey to participate in the Transitus celebrations on October 3rd.



Transitus at Mission San Luis Rey on October 3rd

## *Preparing for Sister Death*

*"Praised be You, my Lord, Through Our Sister Bodily Death, From Whom No One Living Can Escape."*

St. Francis

Death often startles us with its suddenness. Even if someone has been sick, it is still a shock when it happens. As Franciscans, however, we are blessed. Our Beloved Saint Francis taught us that death is a Sister, a Sister to be welcomed. Death is a passing to a new life with God, our Eternal Life. As Franciscans, we are called to prepare spiritually, psychologically, and concretely for our own death. We are called to remember that our loved ones will be in mourning and seeking God's guidance on how to reorient life without us here on earth. It is a gift to them to prepare and provide them with guidance on the concrete tasks that must be done.

### **Some Initial Preparations**

Let us begin with some immediate steps. The order in which you do them does not matter. What does matter is that you do them, remembering you are gifting your loved ones by making their tasks easier!

- Find or purchase a box or large notebook to include all the materials you will prepare. It is a good idea for the container to be fireproof and waterproof. There are several examples online.
- Create a reference sheet to include:
  - The password to your cellphone
  - All of the usernames and passwords for your bank, credit cards, agencies to whom you make monthly donations, etc. Include institution or company names and account numbers, and the location of any safe deposit box keys. Remember, these accounts will have to be closed upon your death.
  - A list of those to contact regarding your passing, including family members, friends, and your fraternity minister. If you have fraternity items in your possession, make sure your family knows who should receive them.
  - Your requests for your Funeral Mass. Your parish may have a form or information to assist you with this. You may want to include a note to the presider to assist in preparing the homily.
- A list of any specific requests regarding whom you wish to receive certain possessions. You do not have to do this for all items, just the ones that matter most to you.

### **Formal Documents to Have Prepared**

To begin with, **this is not legal advice**. You are advised to reach out to your lawyer or go to a legal clinic such as an Elder Law Center, your local Legal Aid Society, or an Elder Law Advocacy group. The following are suggested documents that should be discussed with your legal representative. When formal documents are prepared, include them in your fireproof/waterproof notebook or container:



- Advance Health Care Directive. Medical treatment requires the consent of the person being treated. In your Advance Health Care Directive, you can state your preferences for when you can no longer speak for yourself, and you can name a person who can speak for you.
- Your requests for the Final Disposition of your body, including specific authorization and instructions, authorization for the release of protected health information, and naming a General Durable Power of Attorney.
- Copies of your burial/cremation plan
- A will or trust
- A list of your assets with documents, such as life insurance policies, titles for your house and car, rental agreements, etc. Be sure to include the documents themselves.
- And again, a list of how you want your personal items distributed.

So, dear sisters and brothers, I hope this has been helpful. I pray that you may have a long life and greet Sister Bodily Death as our Beloved Saint Francis greeted her.

Peace and All Good,

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



## **Your Last Will and Testament**

### **Article 23.3 GENERAL CONSTITUTIONS OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER:**

*“To preserve peace in the family, the brothers and sisters should, in due time, make a last will and testament concerning their goods.” (2020 Updated Translation)*

**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 to your fraternity or St. Francis Region in your will.**