

Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Ordo Franciscanus Secularis (OFS) A Member of Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity

Newsletter

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Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Gathering

Wednesday, August 29

7 p.m. St. Thomas

Apostolate Education Committee

Upcoming Fraternity Gatherings

Sept. 26 Linda Solis Spiritual Assistants St. Ann Home

Oct. 31 TBD

Nov. 28 TBD

Upcoming Franciscan Feast Days

Beatrice of Silva	Sept. 1
Blessed John Francis Burte	
Severin Girault, Companions & Martyrs	Sept. 2
Rose of Viterbo	Sept. 4
Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis	Sept. 17
Joseph of Cupertino, Priest	Sept. 18
Francis Mary of Camporosso. Religious	Sept. 20
Finding the Body of St. Clare of Assisi	Sept. 23
Ellzear of Subran & Blessed Delphia,	Sept. 26
Husband and Wife	

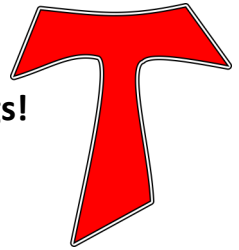
Proper Offices of Franciscan Saints and Blesseds in the Liturgy of the Hours. Bold denotes Third Order

Franciscan Spirituality Pilgrimage

Deacon Dennis Rybicki and Barbara Scott, OFS are planning to lead a Franciscan Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome June 23 – July 3, 2019. Information and registration are available at www.Biblical-Journeys.com/0619RybickiRome. All are invited on this Franciscan Pilgrimage Retreat. Questions can be directed to Deacon Dennis Rybicki at (616) 481-4583, dennisrybicki@grcatholiccentral.org.

Celebrating the Milestones

Wishing our brothers and sisters many blessings!



Professions

Rose Hickey
 Ted Kusmierz
 Joanne Dusendang
 Mary Ann Swaitlowski

Birthdays

August 26
 August 26
 August 26
 August 26

Helene Crawford August 6
 Ellie Estes August 6
 Judith VanderLaan August 7
 Margo Kiel August 8
 Jason George August 11
 Catherine Wilson August 30

Please note: To update incorrect information, please contact Carol Dills, secretary, grdillpickles@sbcglobal.net or cmann1897@gmail.com or 616.450.1897.

Save the Dates!

Please mark your calendars for the meeting dates and events for the next year:

August 29	Fraternity Gathering	St. Thomas
September 26	Fraternity Gathering	St. Ann's Home
October 3	Transitus	St. John Vianney, Wyoming
October 24	Fraternity Gathering	St. Thomas
October 27	Regional Day of Formation	Diocese of Saginaw
November 28	Fraternity Gathering	St. Thomas
December 19	Fraternity Christmas Potluck	St. Thomas
January 23	Profession Renewal Mass	St. Thomas
February 27	Fraternity Gathering	St. Thomas
March 27	Fraternity Elections	St. Thomas
April 24	Fraternity Gathering	St. Thomas
May 29	Fraternity Gathering	St. Thomas

Message from the Minister

This month at our fraternity gathering, our Education Committee will be leading us in a deeper reflection on our focus document for our apostolate, *Laudato Si*. **If you have your own copy, please bring it with you that night.** We will have extra copies available for purchase at a nominal fee. The document is also available for free on our website, www.ourmotherofsorrowsofs.org under the JPIC tab.

One last thought for the month: Our Church is being assaulted on many sides, most recently by the release of reports of past sex scandals perpetrated by priests and bishops in Washington, DC and Pennsylvania and their subsequent coverups. I believe the laity is being called in particular to help rebuild the Church. First and foremost, we must pray for the victims, our clergy, and the Church (all of us) as a whole for healing and justice. Secondly, as Secular Franciscans, we are called to be part of the solution to this crisis. We can be the voice of Christ in our families, friendship circles, workplaces, parishes, and in the Church itself. Don't be afraid to offer your help. It may be a friendly ear, some much needed encouragement, to something even more formal within your parish or diocese as the Bishops work to address these issues going forward. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!

Pax et bonum,
 Barb Scott, OFS

Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity Elections will be in March of 2019



Thank you to Ray and Margo for heading up our 2019 elections committee.

Please begin to prayerfully consider the nomination process. Who do you prayerfully feel is being called by the Holy Spirit into fraternity leadership? Are you being called into leadership?

On page three you will find a prayer to incorporate into your prayer for fraternity elections. It is under prayer of preparation.

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Corner

Cami Mann, OFS JPIC Animator

Peace & all good,

It is very exciting to see the apostolate taking shape. A concrete expression of the work being done is being shared with us during this month's gathering.

The education committee will be leading our time of formation. They will offer the fraternity, as well as each standing committee, some guidance as to how to reflect on, educate and form ourselves using Laudato Si.

The prayer committee has already come up with several prayers suggestions we can reflect on as we pray for our continuing journey into the service of God, each other, Church, and the civic community. See below:

Brothers and Sisters, the Prayer Committee INVITES YOU to ask our Lady to enable each of us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom, and to implore St. Joseph to teach us how to show care and inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world.

Ss Francis and Clare, Pray for us.

Preparatory Prayer for 2019 Fraternity Election

Give us O God, leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our own souls and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek more than our own enhancement—though enhancement we hope for—more than security for our own plans and visions; though security we need more than satisfaction for our own selfish wants though many things we desire.

Give us hearts to choose and follow the leader who will work with other leaders to bring your will to the agenda and help us fulfill it.

Give us leaders who will lead us to virtue without seeking to impose their own version of virtue on others.

Give us leaders who will provide for the advancement of our fraternity and order without dictating others to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves to choose as leaders those who can tell strength from power, growth from greed, leadership from dominance and real greatness for the trappings of grandiosity.

We trust you, great God, to open our hearts to learn from those to whom you speak in different tongues and to respect the life and words of those to whom you entrusted the good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, great God, give us the vision as Secular Franciscans to know where holy leadership truly lies, to pursue it diligently, and to ask it to respect the integrity of every person in the fraternity and order.

We ask these things, great God, with minds open to your word and hearts that trust in your eternal care.

Amen

Fair Share Update

If you are excused from attending the fraternity gatherings and would like to send your fair share amount, please make check payable to Our Mother of Sorrows Fraternity and send your check to:

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Hospitality Ministry August 29


Set-Up Clean-Up

Virginia Champion
Marcia & Jim Dohm

To Be Excused

If you are unable to attend a fraternity gathering due to health or other hardship reasons, please email:

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