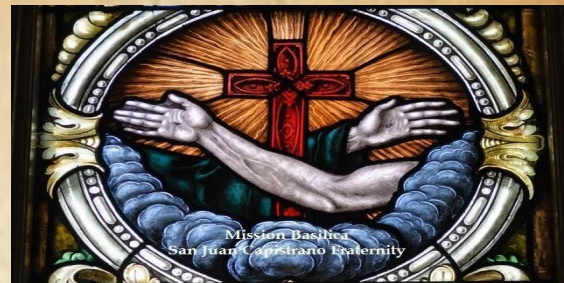


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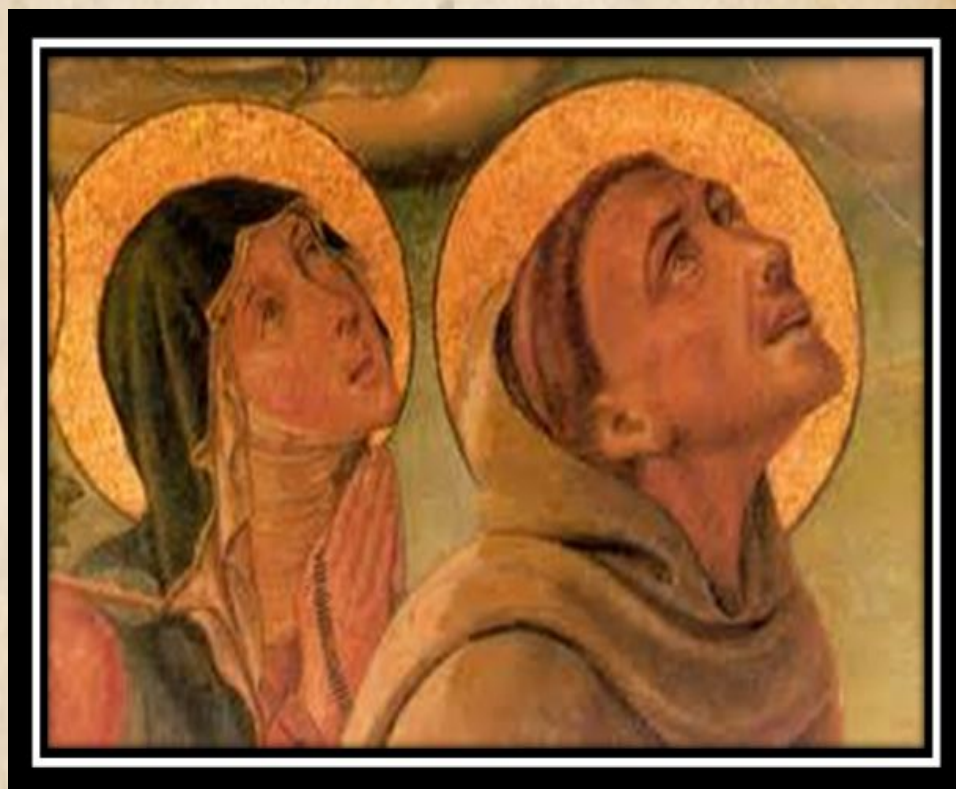
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Fraternity Meeting April 13, 2024



Spend some time in prayer at the Tomb of Saint Francis

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Prayer for Vocations
 Oh, Good and Gracious God,
 God of mercy, compassion,
 generosity, and love,
 As we live our lives today
 in the model of St. Francis,
 choosing daily to live the Gospel life,
 Help us to help others hear Your call.
 Help us to help others to recognize
 their vocation as a Secular Franciscan
 that You have already planted
 in their heart.
 Help us, so that together we all may
 work
 to bring the Gospel to life.

Meeting News ~ April 2024

Orientation: SFO Phases and Expectations ~ David
Candidacy:
Fraternity: Admonition 19 ~ Deacon David Sire

Homework

Admonition 19 - Of the Happy & Unhappy Servant

Blessed is the servant who gives up all his goods to the Lord God, for he who retains anything for himself hides "his Lord's money," and that "which he thinketh he hath shall be taken away from him."

2024														
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		SFO History and its Rule	General Constitutions & Statutes	Rosa, Warren, Marylyn and Ryan										
	INQUIRY				O-1									
					David	Fraternity Retreat with Deacons Joe and David								
					Branches of the Franciscan Family / The SFO - Phases of Formation & Expectations	Life of Saint Francis and Saint Clare	Cancelled for Profession							
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			Joe	Joan	David	Christine								
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Thursdays 6pm - 8pm Room G	COUNCIL	18	15	21	18	16	20	18	15	19	17	21	19	
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A Happy Birthday goes out to...

Warren Kato
 Marilyn DiNicola, OFS
 Cyndie Williams, OFS
 Tom Cooney, OFS
 Norman Diaz

*Wishing you a Birthday
 Rich in Blessings.....*

JANUARY

17 Dolly Rett, OFS

FEBRUARY

24 John Scruggs, OFS

MARCH

14 Deacon Halka, ofs
 14 Marylyn Spomer

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1 Marilyn DiNicola, OFS
 1 Warren Kato
 2 Cyndie Williams OFS
 11 Tom Cooney, OFS
 11 Norman Diaz

MAY

7 Dan, Abalos, OFS
 18 Kady Dunleavy, OFS
 24 Ryan Williams

JUNE

1 Rosa Lim
 12 Kim Cota, OFS
 19 KJim Iacometti

JULY

9 Deacon Sire, OFS
 19 Paul Kelly, OFS

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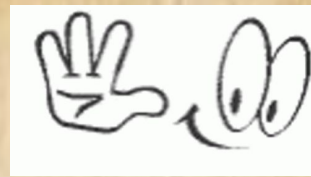
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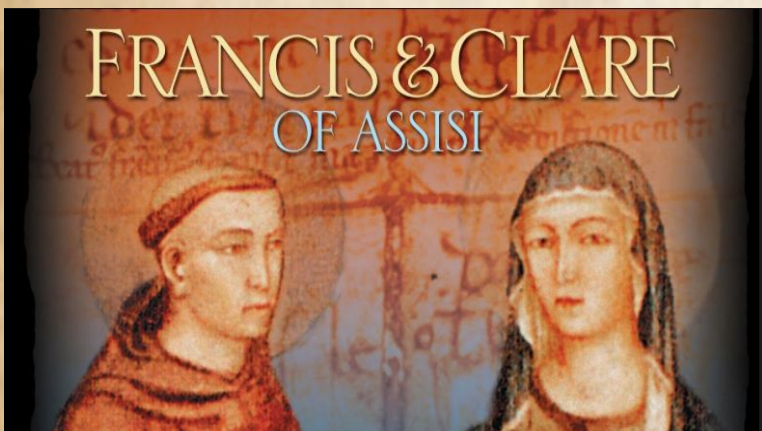


CARE TO SHARE

The Dove is looking for your submission! We would love to hear your vocation story. You could also share a religious pilgrimage or other meaningful spiritual event. If you are interested in sharing with your brethren in this way, please submit your writing for entry into an edition of the Dove



FRATERNITY RETREAT MAY 11, 2024



- Place** - Mission Parish Room A
- Time** - 9:00am - 12:00pm (Franciscan time)
- Speakers** - Deacon David Sire - Saint Francis
Deacon Joseph Halka - Saint Clare
- Bring** - A side or dessert to share with all (coffee and water provided)

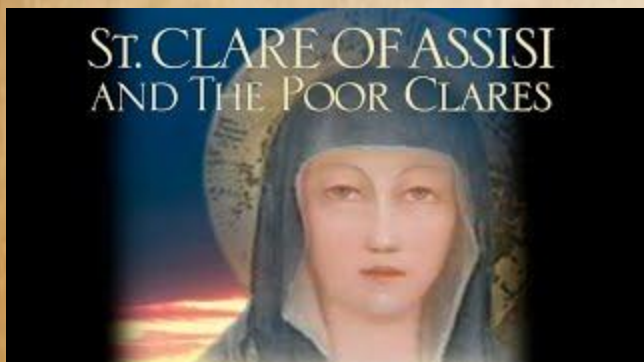
Homework

Saint Francis: The Reluctant Saint.

St. Clare of Assisi and The Poor Clares

Here are two videos for you to enjoy if you would like a little time to prepare for our Retreat. Just click the Play button and enjoy.

Horrible commercials - You can skip through them



LITURGY OF PROFESSION



*Rosa Kato
Warren Kato
Marylyn Spomer
Ryan Williams*

Join us in the Liturgy of Profession where our candidates will make their public profession and permanent commitment into the Secular Franciscan Order during a special mass.

When: June 8, 2024

Where: Mission Basilica, San Juan Capistrano

Time: 10am (please arrive at 9:30a)

Catered reception to follow in the Parish Center

FRATERNITY ELECTIONS ARE JULY 13, 2024

Brethren,

Our fraternity elections are an important event because without a fraternity council, our fraternity ceases to exist until fraternity council can be elected. If it cannot, its members transferred to other fraternities in our Region. It is very important that, if you are physically able, you ATTEND THE JULY FRATERNITY MEETING TO VOTE!

Our servant nomination committee consists of our very own Marilyn Di Nicola and Bob Murray. They will be your resource for information and collector of the very important nominations that will be used to create a slate for election day. Please reach out to them with any questions you may have. You may contact them at chuckabubba@gmail.com and mdinicola15@yahoo.com.

Please pray for those you wish to elect, and if you are professed, discern for yourself how God is asking your to serve.

In loving service, Cyndie

Articles regarding elections offices help by the fraternity council

Chapter Three

The Fraternity Council

Article 49

1. The Council of the local Fraternity is composed of the following offices: Minister, Vice-Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and Teacher of Formation. Other offices may be added according to the needs of each Fraternity. The Spiritual Assistant of the Fraternity forms part of the Council by right

2. The Fraternity, meeting in an Assembly or Chapter, discusses questions regarding its own life and organization. Every three years, in an Elective Assembly or Chapter, the Fraternity elects the Minister and the Council in the way established by the Constitutions and Statutes.

Article 50

1. It is the duty of the Council of the local Fraternity:

- a. to promote the initiatives necessary for fostering fraternal life, for improving the human, Christian, and Franciscan formation of its members and for sustaining them in their witness and commitment in the world;**
- b. to make concrete and courageous choices, appropriate for the situation of the Fraternity, from among the numerous activities possible in the field of the apostolate.**

2. The duties of the Council are also:

- a. to decide on the acceptance and admission to Profession of new brothers and sisters;**
- b. to establish a fraternal dialogue with members in particular difficulties and to adopt subsequent measures;**
- c. to receive the request for withdrawal and to decide on the suspension of a member from the Fraternity;**
- d. to decide on the establishment of sections or groups in conformity with the Constitutions and the Statutes;**
- e. to decide on the use of available funds and, in general, to deliberate on matters concerning financial management and economic affairs of the Fraternity;**
- f. to assign duties to the Councillors and to the other professed members;**
- g. to request from the competent Superiors of the First Order and the TOR suitable and prepared religious as Assistants;**
- h. to perform such other duties as are required by these Constitutions or which are necessary to carry out its proper purposes.**

Why A Council?

“The Secular Franciscan Order is divided into fraternities of various levels – local, regional, national, and international. Each one has its own moral personality in the Church. These various fraternities are coordinated and united according to the norm of this rule and of the constitutions. On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions. Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community.” (Rule, Art. 20 & 21)

The council conducts the fraternity’s business; its purpose is to support and animate the fraternity members as well as initiating new members into the Order (not into the fraternity). It does so by creating activities/programs to support & enhance Franciscan life, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel.

Following the guidelines for an election of Regional officers, a new local council is elected every 3 years and consists of a Minister, Vice-Minister, Formation Director, Secretary, & Treasurer. Additional Councilors may also be elected. Additionally, a Spiritual Assistant is appointed to the council by the Council of Spiritual Assistants (NaFra Statutes 18.3) and per Canon Law (CL 315.3). He/she is a member of the council by right and has voice (may vote on issues) but may not vote on financial issues or elections.

The Election of Officers

As Region’s representative and Spiritual Assistant arrive for the elections, the previous council ceases to exist, and by extension, the fraternity does as well until a new council is successfully elected. In the local fraternity the perpetually professed of the same fraternity have active voice, that is, they can elect, and passive voice, that is, they can be elected. The temporarily professed have only active voice. (GC 77.1)

According to the General Constitutions:

1. The Minister and Vice-Minister may be elected for two consecutive terms of three years each. For a third and final successive election to the office of Minister or Vice Minister, a majority of two-thirds of the votes of those present, which must be obtained on the first ballot, will be necessary.
2. The out-going Minister cannot be elected Vice-Minister.
3. The Councilors may be elected for additional successive terms of three years. Beginning with the third successive election, a majority of two-thirds of the votes of those present, which must be obtained on the first ballot, will be necessary. (GC 79)

In plain language, each council member may be elected for a third term but only if 2/3 of the members present must have voted to elect on the first ballot.

SECLAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO FRATERNITY
Elections 2024
NOMINATION FORM

I nominate:

Full Name

Fraternity where this Nominee is a member

Address of Nominee

Phone number of Nominee

e-mail of Nominee

**For the
Office:**

Minister Vice Minister Secretary
Formation Director Treasurer Councilor

Circle the office or offices for which you are nominating this person.

**Nominated
by:**

(Full Name)

(Fraternity)

(Date)

Please return this completed nomination form to **TWO** members of the Nominations Committee **no later than June 13, 2023.**

Preferably return nominations with resume by email please

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Make as many copies of this Nomination Form as you need.

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