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ST. BONAVENTURE SECULAR FRANCISCANS ✕ DETROIT, MICHIGAN



On Palm Sunday, St. Clare, arrayed in all her finery, attended Mass at San Rufino's in Assisi, but when the others went to the altar-rail to receive a palm branch, she remained at her place. All eyes were upon the young girl as the bishop descended from the sanctuary and placed the palm in her hand. That was the last time the world beheld Clare. That night, she secretly left her father's house, by St. Francis's advice and, accompanied by her aunt Bianca and another companion, proceeded to the humble chapel of the Porziuncula, where St. Francis and his disciples met her with lights in their hands. Clare then laid aside her rich dress, and St. Francis, having cut off her hair, clothed her in a rough tunic and a thick veil, and in this way the young heroine vowed herself to the service of Jesus Christ. That was 800 years ago — March 20, 1212.

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MINISTER'S LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace be with you!

At the Leadership Council meeting of March 17, the Council, upon the recommendation of our treasurer pro tem, **Gene Snyders**, approved the appointment of **Laura Sapien** to the position of treasurer, effective immediately. During the past year, Laura has been working with Gene to learn the procedures for the handling of our fraternity's financial affairs. At our fraternity gathering on March 18, I thanked Gene Snyders for his dedicated service to our fraternity and thanked Laura Sapien for assuming the responsibilities of this position.

At our fraternity gathering on April 15, we will honor our Jubilarians who are celebrating the anniversary of their Profession at a Mass at 1:30 p.m. in the Main Chapel.

On Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of our fraternity. The planning team has been working on the preparations for this milestone event in the life of our fraternity. Because a catered buffet dinner has been planned for this celebration, **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED by Friday, May 11**. Please see the article on the anniversary celebration for more details.

REFLECTION

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).

Our heavenly Father has blessed each of us with an abundance of gifts; however, the most precious of these gifts is the gift of his only begotten Son, who died to set us free and to prepare the way for our eternal life.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:19-23).

As I read this Gospel passage, I reflected on the wondrous gifts God is preparing to give us during this Easter season — the gifts of his peace and his presence.

The moment Jesus was arrested, the disciples fled. Jesus was the common bond that held the group together. Now that Jesus was gone, the only common element among them was fear. The disciples are hiding together in a locked upper room. They are frightened and scared of being arrested by the Romans or by the Jewish authorities, confused, sorrowful over the loss of their teacher, uncertain of what to do next. They are hearing reports from others that Jesus was captured, killed and buried, that his body was stolen, and how Jesus had appeared to the women. Then suddenly, in the midst all of their confusion, Jesus appears in the locked room and the first words he says to his disciples are: "Peace be with you" or "shalom" (in Hebrew). Jesus knows the disciples are afraid, confused and ashamed that they abandoned, denied and betrayed him. Yet Jesus knows their hearts and knows their sorrow for their actions. Jesus shows himself to the disciples not to punish or judge them but to have them experience in their own hearts God's gift of peace and forgiveness. No matter what they have done, whatever their past actions, however horrible the things they did, their repentance and God's forgiveness bring them new life, forgiveness and peace. That was why their fear was turned to joy! They were forgiven! They were freed from the past! Once the apostles experienced God's peace and forgiveness, they were able to share it with others. The peace (shalom) that comes from forgiveness is Jesus' first great Easter gift to the apostles and to us.

God's gift of peace is a tranquility or serenity that helps us to see the best in circumstances no matter what the external circumstances. The Hebrew word for peace, shalom, comes from a root meaning 'completeness' and

‘perfection.’ In Jewish terms, peace means calm, security, prosperity and a general feeling of physical and spiritual well-being. Peace/shalom is not an absence of troubles, but harmony within and without and peace in one’s heart and peace with God.

We, too, face fears, anxieties and uncertainties in our lives every day. Sometimes, like the disciples, shame and fear cause us to place locks on our hearts and we shut out God and others. The gift of God’s peace helps us to remain calm in the fearful circumstances. Yet God’s gift of forgiveness, peace and freedom is always available to us if we open our heart to receive it. Jesus was sent to earth to proclaim peace. Jesus’ command to his disciples and to us is: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” This is what God commands us to do: to be bearers of peace and share the good news of God’s peace with our families, neighbors, co-workers and fellow parishioners.

Christ’s second Easter gift to the apostles and to us is his enduring, permanent and real presence with us. Just as Jesus was present to the disciples in the upper room, the active presence of the Spirit of God is living among us today. God’s presence is truly with us in the Eucharist, when we pray, when we gather together to celebrate the Mass. Easter reminds us that Christ is truly present in our every day life, that he is always God-with-us.

Questions to ponder: When was the last time you truly felt peaceful? How can you share the peace and presence of Christ with others in your daily life?

I am looking forward to seeing you at our fraternity gathering on April 15 at 1:30 pm. Remember to pray daily for vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order.

May our risen Lord fill your heart with the gifts of his peace and his presence in your daily walk with him.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
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COME AND SEE

On Sunday, April 15, the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity is hosting a new class of orientees. The gathering begins at 12 Noon in the second floor conference room of the Solanus Casey Center. Orientees are invited to remain for the Jubilarian Mass and social, if they wish.

Please consider inviting even just one person to come and see what we are about. We are looking for practicing, dedicated Catholics. Invite them and let them decide if they want to pursue the Franciscan path of Gospel living for themselves.

125 YEARS OF GOSPEL LIVING AND THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

On Sunday, May 20, we will gather to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity. You are invited to attend this joyous occasion in the life of our fraternity. The day will begin at 12:30 pm with registration, and will include Mass at 1:00 p.m., a program, followed by a catered buffet dinner. **Fr. Tod Lavery, OFM**, Spiritual Assistant of the Divine Mercy Region, will be the principal celebrant of the Mass.

Because we need to give the caterer an exact count of people for dinner, **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please RSVP no later than Friday, May 11** to the SFO Office at **313-579-2100, ext. 136**, or e-mail your response to **SFODetroit@gmail.com**. When you call or e-mail your reservation, please leave your name and phone number. If you would like to attend the celebration and need a ride, please let us know and we will try to arrange for one of our members to pick you up and bring you to the Monastery. More details will be provided in the next issue of the *Poverello*.



Our Deceased:

Dora Zito († March 3, 2012), cousin of Jo Marie Nardi
 Edward Knapp († March 5, 2012)
 Simonne Robinson († March 5, 2012),
 mother of Joanne Schumacher
 Dorothy Laginess-Quinlan († March 19, 2012)
 aunt of Lorraine Korte and Charlotte and Jim Heymes
 Ralph Greenia († March 21, 2012),
 brother of Maurice Greenia
 Helen Wardowski († March 23, 2012)

Members needing prayers:

Wilhelmina Adkins	Les and Josie Lafata
Peter Aluzzo	Frank & Rosalie Liccardello
Dan Atkinson	Tony Lienert
Kay Balas	Rose Longo
Gertrude Beattie	Joseph Marra
Mary Lou Catino	Sophie Martin
Rocco Cesaro	Mabel Michaels
Mary Gillen	Clara O’Keefe
Natalie Grabowski & Family	Barbara Pardington
James Heymes	Bob Peckham
Caroline Hojna	Joseph Pierce
Anna May Jezak	Mary Saber
Donna Marie Johnston	Francis Scallion
Beverly & Louis Joseph	Alice Vier
Mary Klein	Joseph Wisk
Lorraine Korte	Steve Yuhase
Mary LaBudie	

Relatives needing prayers:

Theresa Brannigan, daughter-in-law of Marguerite
 Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forys
 Ted and Judy Hojna
 Denise Joseph, daughter of Beverly & Louis
 Esther Mae Kelley, wife of Charles
 Fred LaChance, brother of Donna Marie Johnston
 Family of Patricia Long

Rosemary Marson, sister of Ralph
 Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
 Teresa Poole, mother of Mary
 Joseph Ricard, brother of Tom
 Victoria Snigier, mother of Sylvia
 Chester Wisk, brother of Joe

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Andrew Arcznski
 Christopher Beattie Michael Manning
 James Anthony Brannigan John Marra III
 Thomas Chmielarczyk Joseph Marra, Jr.
 Thomas Greenia

Memorials (offered by Jo Marie Nardi):

John F.X. Browne
 Simmone Robinson
 Dora Zito

Please help to keep our list up-to-date. Call:

Jo Marie Nardi at 586-978-2335



Kennedi
4 years old
acute lymphoblastic leukemia

“I just knew something was wrong,” said Kennedy’s mom. “A mother’s intuition never lies.” After several tests, Kennedy was urgently transported to a local children’s hospital. There, her family received shocking news. Doctors feared that Kennedy suffered from acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer. Kennedy was immediately referred to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

At St. Jude, doctors quickly placed her on an aggressive treatment plan that included chemotherapy over two-and-a-half years. Within two weeks of beginning treatment, Kennedy’s cancer went into remission, where it remains today.

“St. Jude is not a normal hospital,” said Kennedy’s mother. “The doctors and nurses treat us like family.”



Celebrating Anthony Cerroni



Anthony Cerroni was born on July 11, 1974 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan to Sisto and Lina Cerroni. Anthony's sister, Annarita, is 12 years older than Anthony. His sister is married with two daughters in college.

Anthony attended Lowery Grade School and Fordson High School, both schools are located in Dearborn. Anthony is currently enrolled in classes at Siena Heights University and will graduate with a bachelor's degree in Emergency Service/Public Safety in December, 2013. Anthony is employed as a firefighter/paramedic for the City of Dearborn Heights and works part time as an Instructor for the Paramedic Program at Schoolcraft College.

Anthony married Andrea Oliver on June 9, 2006 at St. Francis Cabrini Church in Allen Park. Anthony and Andrea have been blessed with two children – Allie, who is four years old, and Aaron is two years old. They are parishioners of St. John Bosco Church in Redford.

Anthony learned about the Secular Franciscan Order while working as a volunteer at the Solanus Casey Center. A Capuchin friar suggested that he look into the Secular Franciscan Order. Anthony serves as a docent at the Solanus Casey Center. Anthony will make his public commitment to the Gospel way of life in November. Anthony is already serving our fraternity by recording member attendance onto the attendance program on our fraternity computer.

In his free time, Anthony enjoys playing hockey, reading and spending as much time as possible with his family. We love you, Anthony!



From the Friars' Choir



Sometimes

I want to ask God why he allows poverty, famine and injustice in the world when he could do something about it, but I'm afraid he might just ask me the same question.



- 6 Margaret Aluzzo
- 8 Kay Balas
- 9 Elnora Allen
- 14..... Ruby Thompson
- 17..... Elizabeth Greenia
- 17..... Patricia White
- 25..... Rose Ossowski
- 30..... Loretta Chmielarczyk
- 30..... Dolores Samulski

Calendar of Fraternity events in 2012

Saturday, April 14	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday, April 15	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering – Jubiliarian Mass (Mercy Sunday)
Saturday, May 19	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council Meeting
Sunday, May 20	1:30 p.m.	125 th celebration of the founding of our fraternity
Saturday, June 2	10:00 a.m.	OFS Mass for Deceased
Saturday, June 9	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, June 10	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering (moved due to Father’s Day)
Saturday, July 14	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, July 15 (St. Bonaventure Day) ..	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Picnic at Belle Isle – Welcoming Ceremony
Saturday, August 18	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, August 19	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Gathering – Admissions Ceremony
Saturday, September 15	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, September 16	11:00 a.m.	Fraternity Day of Reflection
Wednesday, October 3	7:00 p.m.	Transitus
Thursday, October 4	7:00 p.m.	Mass in honor of St. Francis
Saturday, October 20	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, October 21	1:30 p.m.	Fraternity Chapter of Elections
Saturday, October 27	10:00 a.m.	OFS Mass for Deceased
Saturday, November 17	9:30 a.m.	Formation Education meeting
Saturday, November 17	10:30 a.m.	Profession Retreat
Saturday, November 17	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, November 18	1:30 p.m.	Profession Mass
Saturday, December 15	1:30 p.m.	Leadership Council meeting
Sunday, December 16	1:30 p.m.	Christmas Concert and Social

A Decision of the 2011 International Chapter

Among the decisions made at the Secular Franciscan Order’s International Chapter celebrated last October in Brazil, was to standardize the name and establish a uniform acronym for the Secular Franciscan Order. For some time now, the official name of the Order was the Latin form: **ORDO FRANCISCANUS SÆCULARIS**. In official church circles, this remains the official name of the Order. Practically speaking, in English, the Order will still be called the Secular Franciscan Order. The bigger issue concerned having a uniform set of initials following a Secular Franciscan’s name which identifies the person as a member. Up until now, in various regions of the world, Secular Franciscans have used **SFO** or **OFS** or **TO** or **TOSF**, etc. The International Chapter decided that, from now on, all Secular Franciscans throughout the world are to use the acronym **OFS** — the initial letters of the official Latin name: **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis**, similar to the pattern common to all other groups, for example, the Capuchins use the initials **OFM Cap** based on the Latin name **Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Capuccinorum**.

In English we will still refer to the Order as the “Secular Franciscan Order” and to its members as “Secular Franciscans”. For all intents and purposes, the only real change is in the acronym which from now on for all Secular Franciscans throughout the world will be **OFS**. The official decree can be found on page 7.

ORDO FRANCISCANUS SÆCULARIS
XIII. GENERAL CHAPTER
São Paulo, 2011. October 22-29



THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE ORDER

THE USE AND THE TRANSLATION OF THE NAME OF THE ORDER

1. **The official name** of the Order is **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis**.
2. **Translations of the name of the Order**
 - 2.1. The translation of the name of the Order is already made in the four official languages, and these are the ones to be used in these languages, namely in Italian, in English, in Spanish and in French.
 - 2.2. The name can be translated into local languages only when the literal translation from Latin is easily understandable even by the civil society and does not change its meaning or substance.
 - 2.3. When the translation into the national language distorts the meaning of the name, or is linguistically impossible to transfer the genuine meaning, **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis** must always be used, which can be followed by expressions to clarify and make more understandable the nature of the Secular Franciscan Order to everyone in the local language.
3. **The acronym**

The acronym which refers to the name **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis** is **OFS** and is always to be used regardless of the language. For example, when Secular Franciscans use the acronym after their name, they must use “**OFS**”.



Encarnación del Pozo, OFS
General Minister



2012 Jubilarians

60 Years

Stephen Yuhase February 24, 1952
Mary Ann Montpetit March 2, 1952
Natalie Grabowski March 2, 1952

50 Years

Mary Klein March 11, 1962
Rose Longo March 11, 1962
Evelyn Olden March 25, 1962

40 Years

Helen Moroz April 23, 1972

30 Years

Alice Vier May 16, 1982

25 Years

Theresa Coschino November 15, 1987
Sylvester Lafata November 15, 1987

20 Years

Sophie Martin November 15, 1992
Gloria Longueuil November 15, 1992

10 Years

Gertrude Beattie November 17, 2002
Wilhelmena Adkins November 17, 2002

A HERO'S STORY



Sergeant **John A. Marra**'s military career began in the U.S. Army Reserve in 2004. He was assigned to his first duty assignment with the 303rd Military Police Company, 785th MP Battalion, 300th MP Brigade when they deployed to Iraq in September of 2006. During this deployment, Marra served as a MP Transition Team leader in the rank of corporal and heroically distinguished himself through exceptionally valorous conduct in the face of the enemy of the United States.

On October 24, 2007, the mission of the day was quite dangerous. "Our task was to travel to nearly every police station in our area of operations, which included several hot spots," explained Marra. "The unit that was set to replace us was training on the road with us. Accounting for the risk that we assessed, we discussed what would occur if different scenarios came up. Ironically, the event that occurred later that day was one of the events for which we worked out a battle drill." Marra was in the second vehicle of a four vehicle combat patrol in Baiji, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device struck the fourth vehicle flipping it onto the driver's side and trapping three soldiers inside. Marra immediately left the safety of his M1117 Armored Security Vehicle and began to make his way to the blast site. While taking small arms fire, Marra disregarded his personal safety and ran across the kill zone into a hostile area where the severely damaged M1151 Up-Armored HMMWV was located, in order to render first aid to his fellow soldiers. Marra climbed on top of the overturned vehicle, exposing himself to enemy fire that was landing immediately next to the vehicle as well as on the wall just behind him, and proceeded to open the vehicle door and extract the men inside. "This was like *déjà vu*," remarked Marra. He continued to explain. "We were on a previous mission just 20 days prior when we were ambushed in the same area, same way, by some of the same insurgents. During that instance, we lost our medic, Cpl Rachel Hugo." That memory was still fresh in the minds of Marra's unit. It was this instant flashback and moment of reflection and loss, according to Marra, that gave him the courage and confidence to do what was necessary. "One thing I remembered is that I looked across the alley and saw the exact spot where Hugo was killed. The circumstance we were in (now) was violent and ugly, but that moment of clarity gave me strength to persevere and will forever be etched in my mind," said Marra.

The gunner had been ejected and sustained shrapnel injuries. The driver was unharmed, but one soldier didn't make it. "SFC Towns was a National Guard relief on his first tour. I felt really bad because he and the others depended on us to train them up to speed. He had a son and daughter in Iraq at the time," Marra said. Another soldier – the squad leader – was injured. Once free, Marra helped to lower him down and behind cover. Seeing his squad leader unresponsive with a very weak pulse and barely breathing, Marra inserted a nasal pharyngeal airway into his nose, which is believed to have saved him from choking to death. "She (Hugo) taught us well. She taught us how to save lives, and would have been proud," said Marra. When it was clear that the wounded soldier needed to be taken to a more advanced medical treatment facility, Marra once again demonstrated exceptional courage and the utmost loyalty for his fellow soldier by volunteering to take his wounded squad leader in the back of a local Iraqi Police non-armored pick-up truck to the Iraqi Police Station where coalition medical personnel were standing by. Marra helped load the casualty into the bed of the Iraqi Police truck and then continued to perform lifesaving measures on his patient while traveling through the heart of one of the most dangerous cities in his area of operation.

While traveling a half mile to the Iraqi Police Station in the back of an open-bed non-armored Iraqi Police truck, Marra continually performed CPR on his wounded squad leader in order to keep him alive. Marra's actions, tremendous determination, quick thinking, extraordinary ability to stay calm under fire and undeniable courage directly contributed to the saving of his squad leader's life. "When it came time to perform lifesaving measures without her (Hugo), our squad executed the battle drill and performed as one cohesive unit. Every piece fit together and we made it out of a situation that could've easily been worse."

Anytime a fellow soldier falls, it is a sad day. In this instance, Marra was able to take what the enemy meant for evil, and use it later to save lives. For his selfless acts, he was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor. He is the grandson of Secular Franciscan **Joe Marra**.

APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PALM SUNDAY Pss. Wk. 2	2 Anniversary of the Death of Bl. John Paul II (2005)	3	4	5 HOLY THURSDAY	6 GOOD FRIDAY	7 HOLY SATURDAY
8 EASTER Proper	9	10	11	12	13 MELDRUM KITCHEN (10:30-1:00) Solanus Cell: 7:30 PM	14 Fraternity Council 1:30
15 MERCY SUNDAY Proper FRATERNITY GATHERING FORMATION: NOON ALL: 1:30 PM	16 Pss. Wk. 2	17	18	19 Anniversary of the Election of Pope Benedict (2005)	20	21
22 EASTER III Pss. Wk. 3	23	24	25	26	27 Bl. Luchesio: 7:30 PM	28 Feast of Bb. Luchesio & Buonadonna (first Secular Franciscans)
29 EASTER IV Pss. Wk. 4 Day of Prayer for Vocations	30					



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to the OFS Daily

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Continuing Formation Commission:

Chuck & Bev Sapien (chairs)

Christian Service Commission:

(call for information)

Hospitality Commission:

Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

& Tony Lienert (chairs)

Vocations Ministry Commission:

To be announced (chair)

Eucharistic Mission Band (EMB):

To be announced

MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

The entire St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Chuck & Bev Sapien

In addition to our monthly Fraternity gathering, some members also gather in small groups:

Fr. Solanus Cell (2nd Friday, 7:30 pm):

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

Bl. Luchesio Cell (4th Friday, 7:30 pm):

Connie Musial

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

(call for information)

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