

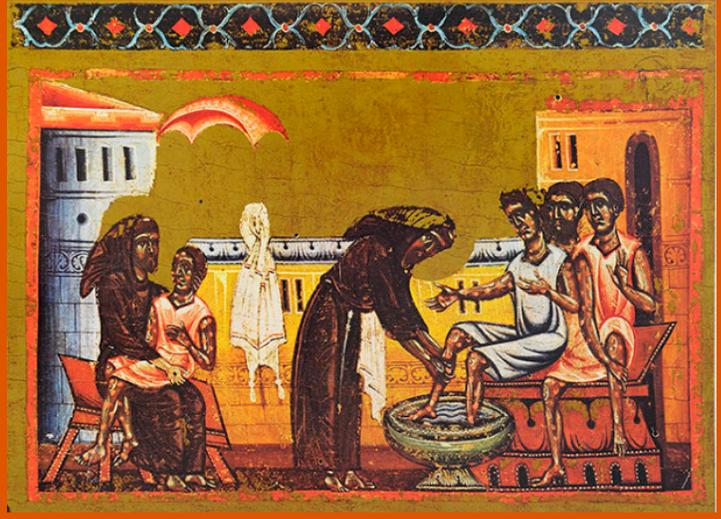
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Jesus washes the feet of the disciples.



Francis and his brothers wash the feet of lepers.



Clare washes the feet of her sisters.



Pope Francis washes the feet of immigrants of all faith traditions.

The only vestment Jesus ever put on
was an apron.

see John 13:4

Minister's Letter

My sisters and brothers,

May the Lord grant you peace!

I attended the Divine Mercy Region Ministers' Retreat the weekend of August 19-21 in DeWitt, Michigan.

During the past two months we have been packing up our current OFS Offices and storage area in preparation for the move to our new office space located on the first floor of St. Joseph Center (just off the parking lot) where the Capuchin Development Office is currently located. We are scheduled to move into our new office space during the week of September 19th. I am grateful to **Mary Myler**, **Sylvia Snigier** and **Ona Moore** for giving of their time to help me pack up our offices and storage area.

Please note on your calendar

I invite you, your family, and friends to attend:

- The **International Day of Prayer for Peace**, sponsored by the Capuchin Ministries, including the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center, on **Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Monastery Chapel. This year's theme is *Let peace begin with me*. The prayer service will highlight our need for inner peace as well as our spiritual call to create peace with others through acts of mercy and forgiveness.
- The *Transitus* service at **7:00 p.m.** on **Monday, October 3rd** and the **Vespers Service** in honor of St. Francis on **Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.** The *Transitus* is more than a remembrance of the death of the poor man from Assisi, it is also a celebration of the Franciscan spirit alive today in us.

REFLECTION

During the past few weeks, I have been reading Pope Francis' encyclical on environment, *Laudato Si'*, in preparation for an all-day convocation I will be attending on the encyclical at my place of employment. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to read *Laudato Si'* for it reminds us of our responsibility as stewards of our common home to show respect and reverence for all of God's creation.

Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which "bear the imprint of the Most High," and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

- OFS *Rule of Life*, 18

We show respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

- United States *Catechism for Adults*, p. 424

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow

beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

- Pope Francis' prayer for the earth at the conclusion of his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*

Please remember the following intentions in your prayers for an increase of vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order, for all of the individuals effected by natural disasters, especially for those impacted by the floods in Louisiana and the fires in California, for persecuted Christians throughout the world, and for the presidential election in November.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Day of Reflection on September 18th. Have a safe and relaxing Labor Day weekend.

Your sister in Ss. Francis and Clare,
Maryann

NEW MEMBER OF OUR FRATERNITY

At our fraternity gathering held on August 21st, **Bernadette Mikowski** was admitted into candidacy and became a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. *Congratulations, Bernadette!*



Bernadette Mikowski

Birthday: January 2

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members of our Fraternity

Dan & Jan Atkinson	Teresa Lienert
Kay Balas	Patricia Long
John Bodell	Ilene Manning
Pat Cardellio	Joseph Marra
Mary Lou Catino	Patricia Meldrum
Mary Gillen	Mabel Michaels
Natalie Grabowski & Family	Hugh Montpetit
James Heymes	Stella Mordarski
Caroline Hojna	Barbara Pardington
Anna May Jezak	Bob Peckham
Gary Johnson	George Pelyak
Donna Marie Johnston	Diane Raymond
Louis Joseph	Tom Ricard
Joyce Kaminski	Mary Saber
Esther Kelley	James Schoenherr
Liz and Ron Kessler	Mike & Bridget Schultz
Lorraine Korte	Ben Stapel
Rosalie Liccardello	Joseph Wisk

Relatives needing prayers:

Dawn Bodell, daughter of John and Janet
Mary Ann Bridge, daughter of Connie Musial
Kate Comizio, Br. Pat's sister (Multiple Sclerosis)
Fr. Edward Ertzbischoff, brother of Julia
Alice Greene, sister of Hank Forsys
Ted Hojna, husband of Caroline
Denise Joseph, daughter of Louis
David Kaminski, son of Joyce
Stephanie Kummer, mother of Maryann
Manning Family
Michael McSherry, brother of Br. Pat
Jean Nozewski, wife of Thomas
Theresa Poole, mother of Mary
Barbara Sienkiewicz, daughter of Connie Musial
Nellie Westbrook, mother of Theresa
Sandra Woods Family

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

Jo Marie Nardi



2..... Rita Collins
4..... Joyce Brouillette
8..... Mary Burghardt
15.... Ray Mylenek
18.... George Pelyak
24.... Sheryl Ann Nordstrom
 Br. Pat McSherry
25.... Joe Gentile
26.... Lorraine Korte



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WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

We are pursuing a date for a women's retreat at Capuchin Retreat in Washington, MI.

More details to follow.

If you are interested in participating, please contact **Eileen Smith** or **Mary Myler**.

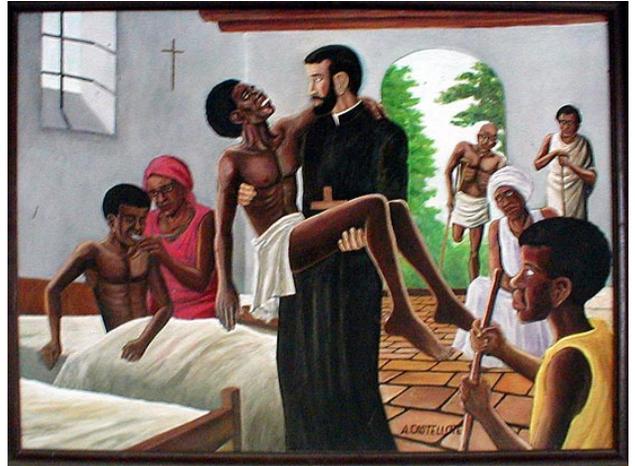
Pray Daily
for Vocations to the
Secular Franciscan
Order

September 9th to be Day of Prayer for Peace in U.S. Communities

In light of recent incidents of violence and racial tension in communities across the United States, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited all dioceses across the country to unite in a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. The Day is intended to promote peace and healing during this time of great strain on civil society.

On July 8th, in response to the racially-related shootings in Baton Rouge, Minneapolis and Dallas, Abp. Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, noted the need to look at ways the Catholic Church can walk with and help these suffering communities. "I have stressed the need to look toward additional ways of nurturing an open, honest and civil dialogue on issues of race relations, restorative justice, mental health, economic opportunity, and addressing the question of pervasive gun violence. ... By stepping forward to embrace the suffering, through unified, concrete action animated by the love of Christ, we hope to nurture peace and build bridges of communication and mutual aid in our own communities."

The Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities will be celebrated on the feast of St. Peter Claver, September 9th, and will serve as a focal point for the work of the task force.



St. Peter Claver

"We are all brothers and sisters."

NEW ADDRESS

Bridget and Michael Schultz

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers from our Fraternity will be helping at the Capuchin Service Center from 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday, September 24th. Please join us.

COME AND SEE...

On Sunday, September 18th, our 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 fraternity gathering 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 our Gospel-Franciscan way of life for themselves.

Debate versus Dialogue

Some notes by Lester Bach, OFM Cap

Dialogue is an essential tool of communication. It requires all participants to be good listeners. So what is a good listener?

The characteristics of being a good listener include:

- Listening to the other side and why they disagree with you.
- Listening fully (not thinking of a response while the other person is speaking; not interrupting)
- Giving respect
- Not rushing the conversation, but giving it time to take shape and develop and even change direction
- Having unity as the goal – bringing us together
- Setting up a pattern to talk freely with each other
- Showing respect for listening and sharing
- Understanding the other person
- Respecting each person's story; don't blab outside of the fraternity

Debate vs. Dialogue

Debate can be distinguished from Dialogue in the following ways:

In a *debate*, the goal is to win the argument, affirming one's own view and discrediting others. The goal of *dialogue*, on the other hand, is to understand better diverse perspectives and to learn about other's views, to hear what they are saying and to relate better to one another.

In a *debate*, people listen differently. Debaters listen in order to find flaws in the other's arguments. In a *dialogue*, people put their own ideas aside momentarily in order to listen deeply to others in order to understand how their experiences shape their beliefs.

In a *debate*, people criticize the experiences of others as distorted and invalid. In a *dialogue*, people accept that the experiences of others – although different from mine – are real and valid. By validating our commonality, we show respect to the individual and for what they are sharing.

People approach a *debate* from the stance of argumentation, whereas people approach a *dialogue* from the stance of sharing.

In a *debate*, people are determined not to change their own views on the issue. In a *dialogue*, people are open, even if reluctantly, to expanding their understanding of the issue.

In a *debate*, people often make assumptions about others' viewpoints and motivations. In a *dialogue*, people speak from their own understanding and experience.

In a *debate*, people oppose each other and attempt to prove each other wrong. In a *dialogue*, people attempt to work together toward a common understanding.

In a *debate*, strong emotions and responses (like anger and personal attacks) are often used to intimidate the other person. In a *dialogue*, strong emotions (like anger and sadness) are appropriate when they convey the intensity of one's own experience or belief.

DIALOGUE

1. Cooperative: building new ideas together
2. Grey areas: exploring complexity and looking for new perspectives
3. Everyone participates
4. Sharing to create new meaning
5. Speak for yourself without claiming to represent anyone else's point of view or interests
6. Temporarily suspend judgment
7. Critique ideas, not speakers
8. Listening to reach mutual understanding
9. Welcome silence in between comments
10. Equality of participation: Speak when you are moved to speak.

- Debate presumes winning and losing,
- Debate does not seek understanding, common ground or compromise.
- Debate is for influencing the minds of others.
- Debate is the common model in our culture for exploring varying viewpoints.

The **purpose of dialogue** is to create “shared meaning: or coherence in a group.
The **challenge of dialogue** is to simply allow multiple points of view to be.

DEBATE

1. Competitive: one idea is going to win the debate
2. Black and white: polarizing issues into “us vs. them” or “this vs. that”
3. A few individuals speak
4. Focused on individual opinions
5. Claiming to represent the opinions or interests of a group
6. Jump to conclusions and generalizations
7. Put people down if you disagree with their ideas.
8. Prepare how to respond while others are talking
9. Interrupting and speaking over others
10. Competing for air time

DEBATE

Two sides

Listen to enhance position

Winners and losers

Stressful; exhausting

DIALOGUE

Multiple perspectives

Listen to learn

Exchange for mutual understanding

Generates new energy



On Sunday, September 18th, our Day of Reflection will begin at 11:00 a.m. **Joyce Brouillette, OFS**, JPIC Coordinator for our fraternity, will introduce the topic of Justice for Earth. The afternoon will feature an invited guest speaker, **Patricia Gillis**. Ms. Gillis has been an ambassador with the Catholic Climate Covenant and she will include Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, in her presentation. She is thrilled at the prospect of spending time with the Secular Franciscans, and we are truly blessed to have her join us. **Please remember to bring a brown bag lunch and, if you are able, a dish to share. There will be no Mass.**

2017 Assisi Pilgrimage

On another note, for those who are interested in the **Assisi Pilgrimage in 2017**, please plan to meet over lunch during our Day of Reflection to discuss dates and the next step to secure our spot for this amazing opportunity.

ROMAN CATHOLIC TEACHING AND HUMAN EVOLUTION

Since we're focusing on the Care of Creation, it might be good to say something about how our Church views human evolution. In October of 2014, Pope Francis told an audience from the Pontifical Academy of Sciences that theories of evolution and the Big Bang are not inconsistent with creationism and biblical teaching. "The evolution in nature is not opposed to the notion of Creation, because evolution presupposes the creation of beings that evolve."

"When we read in Genesis the account of Creation we risk imagining that God was a magician, with such a magic wand as to be able to do everything," he said. "However, it was not like that. He created beings and left them to develop according to the internal laws that He gave each one, so that they would develop, and reach their fullness." The creation of the universe, Francis said, was not a singular event, but rather "went forward for centuries and centuries, millennia and millennia until it became what we know today."

In 2002, then-Cardinal Jozef Ratzinger - the future Pope Benedict XVI - delivered an address in which he stated that "converging evidence from many studies in the physical and biological sciences furnishes mounting support for some theory of evolution to account for the development and diversification of life on Earth."

In 1950, Pope Pius XII, in a letter to bishops titled *Humani Generis*, wrote, "[The] Church does not forbid... research and discussions...take place with regard to the doctrine of evolution, in as far as it inquires into the origin of the human *body* as coming from pre-existent and living matter..." It was fine for Catholics to think about and debate about evolution, as long as they kept the *soul* out of it. The soul, Pius said, was injected into human beings by God, and could not arise from natural processes.

Almost half a century later, in a 1996 letter to bishops, Pope John Paul II came out even more strongly for Darwin's theory, calling evolution "more than a hypothesis." On the subject of the soul, however, John Paul agreed with Pius. The soul, John Paul said, could not emerge "from the forces of living matter, or as a mere epiphenomenon of this matter."

In light of these previous statements, Pope Francis' position is hardly news within the Roman Catholic community. Francis' views echo those of his predecessors, including Pope Benedict XVI and especially Pope John Paul II on the importance of respecting the independence and integrity of scientific inquiry.

Pope Francis views the universe as a continuously unfolding drama, and thinks a God who "makes things that make themselves"—as fellow Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin espoused—is an infinitely more interesting deity than one who must continually tinker with his creations to get them right.

St. Vincent de Paul's Walk for the Poor

This year's *Walk for the Poor* will take place on **October 9th** on **Belle Isle**, with registration starting at **10 am**, and the walk beginning at 11 am. If you're interested, please contact **Brittney Walendzik**. She'll register us as the Secular Franciscan Team. More information can also be found on the website (copy and paste in your browser): <https://www.svdpusa.net/fop/index.php?Submit=View+Event+Website&action=walkevents&eventid=1570>

Holy Habits for walking in God's presence

St. Benedict recommended that we divide our spiritual reading into three parts:

- first read until we come upon something that touches our heart,
- then meditate on it for a bit,
- finally turn it into a prayer to incarnate it into your life.

People sometimes complain about kids today obsessed with modern technology. Then someone reminds me of how it *really* was in the "good ole' days"...





September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Bl. Severin Girault, TOR BD: Rita Collins	3
4 WEEK 23 Pss Wk 3 BD: Joyce Brouillette	5 LABOR DAY St. Teresa of Kolkata	6	7	8 BD: Mary Burghardt	9 Day of Prayer for U.S. Communities Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 10:30-1:00	10 The Japanese Martyrs, OFS 9:30 - 11:30 am Council Meeting
11 WEEK 24 Pss Wk 4	12 St. Catherine Fieschi Adorno, OFS	13	14	15 BD: Ray Mylenek	16	17 Stigmata of St. Francis
18 WEEK 25 Pss Wk 1 BD: George Pelyak Fraternity Day of Reflection 11:00 a.m.	19	20 Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace: 7 PM St. Bonaventure Chapel	21	22 Bl. Bernardina Jabłońska, TOFR	23 St. Pio, OFM Cap	24 Capuchin Service Center 9 a.m. - Noon BD: Sheryl Ann Nordstrom & Br. Pat McSherry
25 WEEK 26 Pss Wk 2 BD: Joe Gentile	26 Bl. Lucy of Caltagirone, TOR BD: Lorraine Korte	27 St. Elzear & Bl. Delpina, OFS	28 Bl. Rosario and Companion Martyrs, OFS	29 Bl. Charles of Blois, OFS & Bl. Nicholas of Forca Palena, OFS	30	1

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MAKING FRATERNITY HAPPEN

Our Fraternity gathers on the Third Sunday of every month. For more information, contact:

Maryann Kummer

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

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

Mary Ann and Hugh Montpetit

FRATERNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH:

Meldrum Soup Kitchen

Usually on the 2nd Friday of each month.

&

Healing Service Social

Wednesdays at 2 PM

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

(so far)

SEPTEMBER:

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Teresa Westbrook-Lienert

Sophia Cisneros

Jeanine Ward

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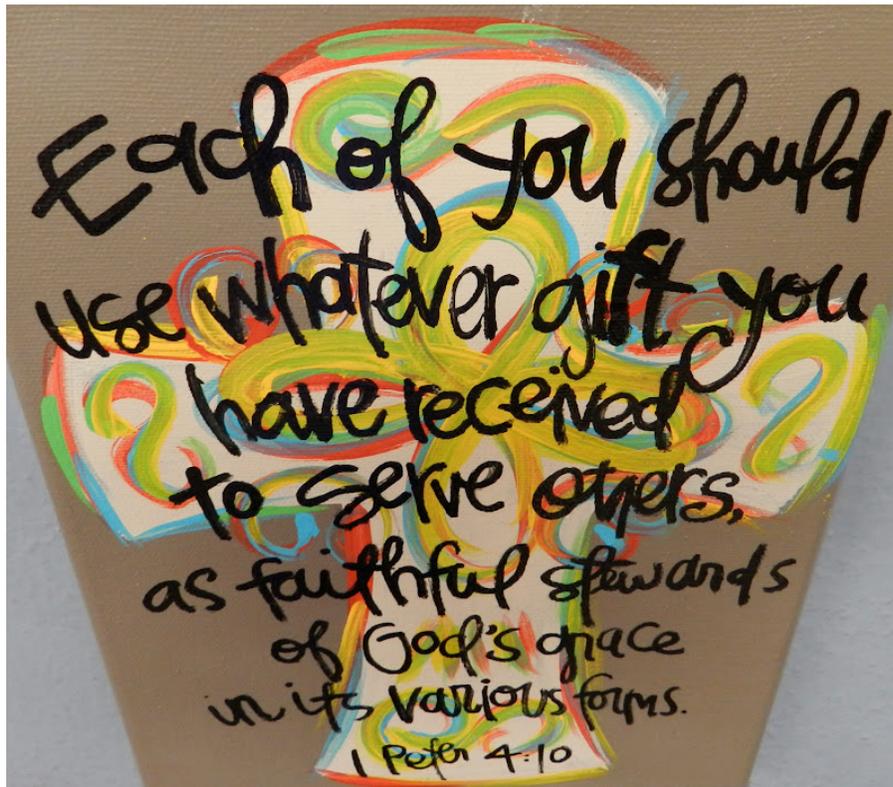
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