



# The Franciscan Sun- Herald

St. John the Beloved Apostle  
Order of Secular Franciscan Fraternity  
October 2018

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**Fraternal Home:**  
Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church & Lyceum  
313 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA  
**Meeting Place:**  
Oct 3 Transitus at Franciscan Monastery at 7pm.  
(see page 2 for details)



## The Rule of the OFS:

### Article 23

*Requests for admission to the Secular Franciscan Order must be presented to the local fraternity, whose council decides upon the acceptance of new brothers and sisters.*

*Admission into the Order is gradually attained through a time of initiation, a period of formation of at least one year, and profession of the rule. The entire community is engaged in this process of growth by its own manner of living. The age of profession and the distinctive Franciscan sign are regulated by the statutes.*

*Profession by its nature is a permanent commitment.*

*Members who find themselves in particular difficulties should discuss their problems with the council in fraternal dialogue.*

*Withdrawal or permanent dismissal from the Order, if necessary, is an act of the fraternity council according to the norm of the constitutions.*

## Minister's Corner:

We celebrate the Feast of St Francis by attending the vigil on Oct 3 at the Franciscan Monastery at 7 pm, All Saints in Manassas, Virginia or St Francis in Triangle Virginia followed by the morning mass at local parishes or the Poor Clares, or at the Shrine of St Anthony on Oct 4. Donna and I will leave at 6 pm from our house. Anyone who can carpool with us please come to our house by 5:30pm. Sorry I was not available to give more timely coordination this past week. I was in Richmond most of the week taking care of my grandson who had surgery at VCU Children's Hospital. Please pray for his continued recovery.

Please keep our Holy Mother the Church in your prayers as she struggles with world wide scandals and keep the victims of sex abuse in your prayers as Franciscans take action to

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“rebuild our Church which has fallen into ruins” as Tom White points out in his reflection. May St Francis continue to bless us and guide us on our way to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on whom we depend and trust.

**. OFS Reflection – October 2018**  
**submitted by: Tom White, OFS**

Lately, with all the discussion about this time of crisis in the Church it makes a lot of people question, and some Catholics have been asked: Why do you remain Catholic? Why do you still go to that Church? That's a reasonable question. For many of us, if we belonged to any organization that was scandalized we might just leave rather than defend the undefendable. Some of our clergy have done reprehensible and horrendous things and it upsets us and everyone else. It is an embarrassment, it is scandalous. And who among us has not made mistakes? Who among us is worthy to cast the first stone. We have all made mistakes. Jesus did not condemn, so we must try hard not to either, even though for many of us our first instinct is to condemn. We must correct, we must stop, we must prevent such crimes, but we cannot condemn. So, the question remains, Why do you still go to that Church?

For Catholics, what makes it different is what we believe. For each of us it is very personal, something felt deep in our soul. For all of us, we hear Jesus' question and Peter's response after the Bread of Life Discourse:

*" 67 Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and are convinced that you are*

*the Holy One of God."*  
*(John 6:67-69)*

For me, I believe that Jesus is God, one of the three persons of the Holy Trinity, and he is with us every day of our lives. He was with us before we were born and will be with us into eternal life. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning of all things and the end; He is without beginning and without end. He shares Himself with us as at Eucharist as a gift; a charity from God, which none of us can earn and none of us deserves. In His love for us, he gives Himself to us freely, without charge. So, to where shall we go? Only one religion in the world professes these beliefs, the Roman Catholic Church. The original Church started by Jesus Christ Himself and originally called "The Way" by those who went before us in belief and worship. There is no place else that I can go; *He is the Way, the truth, and the Life."*

Our Lord gave our Seraphic Father, Saint Francis of Assisi, the Command: "Rebuild my Church." Perhaps we are ought to spend more time doing that...

**Fraternity Focus**

**This Month's Meeting is replaced by our attendance at the Transitus on Oct 3 at 7 pm.**

Next month's Meeting will return to the Basilica of St. Mary, Catholic Church & Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA

The following is the agenda for our meeting at St Mary Basilica on November 10, 2018:

- 8:30 Daily Mass at Basilica of St Mary
- 9:30 Fellowship at Lyceum
- 10:00 Open the meeting
- Liturgy of the Hours/Divine

- Office
- 10:30 Business meeting
- 11:00 Ongoing Formation –  
“Compassion” – Next Chapter and  
An examination of the Rule of the  
Secular Franciscan Order
- 11:30 Franciscan Crown Rosary and  
Closing Prayer
- 12:00 Council meeting

Please be sure to bring one or two non-perishable food items for sharing with members. Also, if possible for you, please consider bringing an item to share for the lunch to increase our sense of community.

### Events

**October 3, 2018:** Transitus of St Francis of Assisi will be held at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, 1400 Quincy St NE, Washington, DC 20017 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Alternatively: St. Francis of Assisi in Triangle Virginia, VA at 7:00 PM at St. Katherine Room, 8825 Fuller Heights Road, Triangle, VA 22172  
or All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA at 7 pm.

**October 4, 2018:** Feast of St Francis of Assisi: Mass at Franciscan Monastery at 6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass at Poor Clare Monastery is at 7 a.m. The Shrine of Saint Anthony at 12290 Folly Quarter Rd. Ellicott City, MD 21042 will celebrate Mass at noon.

### October 20, 2018: Christ House Apostolate:

The next date for the fraternity's apostolate at Christ House will be from 3:00 - 6:00.

There is one more apostolate this year, which is scheduled for November 17th. For further details, please contact Sadie Martins or Marcia Campbell.

Christ House's Address is:  
131 S West St, Alexandria, VA 22314  
Phone: (703) 549-8644

Dates and times for some events may change. Updates will be provided in future issues.

### Bulletin Board

#### Our Family:

Recalling the words of St. Francis regarding the sick:

*I beg all my sick brothers that they do not  
become angry in their infirmities or  
disturbed either against God or against  
their brothers....*

*Let them give thanks in all things so that  
they may desire to be as God  
wants them to be.*

#### And Let Us Pray:

##### **For the Healing of:**

Mary Ann Friesen, Karen Riedl, Lorraine Lee, John Dina & his family, especially Meredith, Catherine Williams, daughter Amy, Wayne, Cathy William's Son-In-Law, Pat McGrath's sister, Mary Wagner, Pat's husband, John Schupp, Wilma Connair, Karen's Mother-in-law, Stephen Connair, Karen's husband, Michael, Laura, Kim & Michelle Feldman, Rita's niece Sarah Lewis and husband Ben, Dominic West and for all our families and friends who need God's healing that God will have mercy on all the sick and injured, especially those who are dying.

##### **For the Repose of the Souls who have preceded us into eternal life:**

Lorre Bracey – Marcia's daughter, David Robertson – Joanne's son, Cathy Williams Mother, George Webb, Geneva's Father, Alfie Evans and for all the Souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

**Special Intentions:**

For our Holy Father and all the leaders of the Church that they may faithfully adhere to Christ's teachings.

For religious vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for vocations to sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman, and for religious freedom.

For sanctity of all our priests, religious, and lay people.

For those being persecuted throughout the world for their faith.

For our veterans, military and first responders.

For John S. and all those struggling with addictions.

For the conversion of the socialized medicine in England to allow parents to have a say in the health treatment of their terminally ill children.

For an end to abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide in this country and throughout the world.

For peace in the world, peace in our families, peace in our hearts.

For our leaders, that the Holy Spirit guide them to make good decisions.

For our Fraternity and for all our intentions held close to our hearts.

**Our Fraternity:**

**Profession Anniversaries and Birthdays:**

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Rita Evans - October 9, 1999

Ruth Higgins - October 9, 1999

Becky Hsu - October 9, 1999

**Birthdays:**

Becky Hsu - October 13th

Ying White - October 13th

Reyna Monogue - October 31st

**In Memoriam:** May the souls of all our dear sisters and brothers, especially Jean Dodd - October 19, 2002 - Rest in God's Peace.

**Franciscan Saints, Blesseds & Holy Ones**  
**(for all 3 branches of the Order)**

**October – Month of the Holy Rosary and the Holy Angels**

1. Bl. Nicolas of Forca, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1449
2. Bl. Antoine Chevrier, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1879
3. St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Patron of France; St. Marie-Joseph Tossello, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1880  
Transitus of St Francis – Vigil of Feast Day
4. Solemnity of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, d. 1226, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
5. Commemoration of the establishment of the 3 Orders/ Blessed Felicia Meda, Order of Poor Clares, d. 1444
6. St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular
7. Feast of the Holy Rosary
8. St. Bridget of Sweden, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1373
9. Bl. Marie-Angele Truszkowska, Virgin,

religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1899

10. St. Francois Borgia, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1572; and St. Daniel and Companions, Religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyrs, d. 1227

11. Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady

12. St. Seraphin of Montegrano, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1604

13. Bl. Pacifique de Valence, lay brother, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936

14. St John of Dukla, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1936

15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734

16. Bl. Anicet de Dbrzno, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1941

17. Bl. Balthassar of Chiavari, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1490

18. Bl. James of Strepar, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1409

19. St. Peter of Alcantara, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1512

20. Bl. Contardo Ferrini, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1902

21. Bl. Martyrs of Polonais, d. 1941-42

22. Bl. John Baptist Bullaker, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1642

23. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1870

24. Bl. Josephine Leroux, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, martyr 1794

25. Bl. Maria Veronica Masia Ferragut, Bl. Maria Felicidad Masia Ferragut, and Bl. Jesus Masia Ferragut, Virgins, Capuchin religious, Martyrs 1936

26. Bl. Martyrs of the War of Spain, 1936-37

27. Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza, Priest,

Conventual religious, d. 1711

28. Bl. Anne-Eugenie Picco, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1921

29. Bl. Thomas of Florence, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1447

30. Bl. Angelo of Acre, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1739

31. Bl. Christophe de Cahors, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1272



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