



The XXIII News

St. John XXIII, OFS fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order ~USA

February 2023

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are Secular Franciscans living in the world and sharing our Franciscan Charism by “going from gospel to life, and life to the gospel”, by following Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare; and by following our apostolic Rule we strive to build up the Kingdom of God in our lifetimes by our prayers, works and fraternal community.

February Gathering

Monday, February 6 – COUNCIL MEETING 6 pm.

Sunday, February 12 – FRATERNITY MEETING,

Activities Building, St. Bonaventure's, Room #4,
1:00-3:30 pm.

Liturgy of the Hours – Sue Allen

Franciscan Gospel Sharing – Bonita Hartmann

On-Going Formation – *A Knight & A Lady*, Ch. 7

Snacks – Sue Allen

Fruit – Mitzi Speranzella

February Birthdays & Professions

25. Norma Noonan's Profession, 2018

March Gathering

Monday, March 6 – COUNCIL MEETING 6 pm.

Sunday, March 12 – FRATERNITY MEETING,

Activities Building, St. Bonaventure's, Room #4,
1:00-3:30 pm.

Liturgy of the Hours – **Open**

Franciscan Gospel Sharing – Sue Allen

On-Going Formation – *A Knight & A Lady*, Ch. 8

Snacks – Mary Ann Bucklin

Fruit – Kathy Taormina

March Birthdays & Professions

2. Mary Ann Bucklin's birthday

3. Sue Sadeh's birthday

7. Veronica Willand's birthday (SJS)

Pope's/OFS Prayers February

Pope's Universal: For Parishes –

We pray for that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

CIOFS OFS:

For the national fraternities of Panama,
Switzerland, Dominican Republic and Japan.

Fraternity Prayer List

We pray for:

Peace to reign in all areas of war and aggressions
around the world and for all those grieving
the dead and injured;

Those displaced from their homes & countries;
All those affected by mass shootings in our country,
those who grieve;

The victims and the families affected by weather,
fires, flooding, droughts & earthquakes:
Control of Covid19 and all its variants, for all those
who have died of this virus, and those who
mourn their deaths;

The decrease in the polarization of our country and
her people over politics, religion, and health
care and for our country's healing & peace;
St. Junipero Serra Emerging Fraternity whom we
sponsor and for their prayer intentions;

The healing of Veronica's aunt and her strength;
Bonita's healing from her surgery and help for her
loneliness;

Comfort and healing of Mary's sister Theresa and
her brother-in-law Mark Kopelke;

Norma's friends Jim and Lois Finan;

Kay's continued health and happiness;

Trudy's family to be healed in mind, body, & spirit;
Special intentions of healing;

Two-year-old Jackson to be able to start eating;

Three-year-old Kime with cancer;

Fr. Steve's teaching and writing;

All the prayers in the depths of our hearts!

*Please email or call in your prayer requests to Kathy by
the 25th of every month.*

Fraternity Minutes

January 8, 2023 Gathering

Attendance:

Sue Sadeh, Sue Allen, Mary Ann Bucklin, Bonita Hartmann, Lori Hinker, Trudy Phillips, Kathy Taormina, Tim Taormina, and Jim Terry

Excused:

Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv., Janet Holmes, Mary Kopelke, Joan Marcantelli, Norma Noonan, and Kathleen Sirek.

Unexcused:

Mitzi Speranzella.

Liturgy of the Hours – Tim Taormina

Franciscan Gospel Sharing was led by Kathy Taormina, Matthew 2:1-12

On-Going Formation – “*Estrazione dei santi*”
“Extraction of Saints” 2023 Saints are all concerned with the birth or childhood of Jesus Christ because this is the 800 centenary of the Greccio Nativity of St. Francis 1223-2023. To understand more, look up Greccio!

Tim Taormina opened the business meeting with the prayer from the Ritual.

A motion was made by Sue Allen to approve the Minutes, seconded by Mary Ann Bucklin, motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jim Terry to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Bonita Hartmann, motion unanimously approved. Collection of the Common Fund was taken and prayed over.

Old Business:

Tim presented the 2023 Budget in the absence of Norma. A motion was made by Sue Allen to approve the 2023 Budget as presented, seconded by Lori Hinker, motion unanimously approved.

New Business:

April 9th meeting is on Easter Sunday, Kathy will call to ask if we can meet on April 16th.

Bonita was prayed over with the laying on of hands for surgery on January 16. Check in 612-438-7838.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Taormina, OFS

*****Remember – to be excused, please call or text fraternity Minister, Tim Taormina!**



St. Junipero Serra Emerging Fraternity

January 15, 2023

Present: Judy LaRonde, Inq., Iris Sanford, OFS, Louise Heim, OFS, Joan Henchel, OFS, Veronica Willand, OFS, Joyce McKevitt, OFS, Robert Sanford, OFS.

Meeting was preceded by a social, meal provided by Veronica and Louise. Next month Iris and Robert will serve the lunch.

Opening Prayer for Regular Fraternity Meeting
Ongoing Formation Started with the reading of Sunday's Gospel followed by a discussion of what of The Rule would be able to apply to the Gospel John 1:25-34. Possibly Articles 4, 5, and 6.

Holy Half-Hours, Article 3, Discussion on the importance of the Constitution and the solidarity of the fraternities regionally, nationally, and internationally that gives us direction yet some independence according to our fraternities personality.

We will follow and discuss HHH Article 4 and start Listen, Discern and Go Forth as ongoing formation in March.

Business: Fair Share has been sent out to St John XXIII, OFS. Followed by a prayer for the common fund and a prayer for vocations

Upcoming events, Veronica will lead the ten week program starting March 13, 5:30 -7:00 What We Believe- the Beauty of the Catholic Faith, open to the parishes in our Cluster.

Valentines Dance February 17 at the St Joseph Church Hall, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Closing Prayer from Ritual

Submitted by Robert Sanford, OFS, Acting Secretary

For those of you who would like to correspond:

Mary Sorteberg

Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ

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Prayer Town, TX, 79010

Infirmarian Report

No report this month

Fraternity Treasury Report

Treasurer's Report for February 1, 2023.

\$2,825.75 **Balance as of January 1, 2023**

Income:

\$ 200.00 January Common Fund

Expenses:

\$ 925.00 Fair Share St. John XXIII

\$ 360.00 Fair Share Juniper Serra

\$1,285.00 Total Fair Shares

\$1,740.75 **Total funds as of February 1, 2023**

Restricted Funds:

\$ 213.55 Meagher Memorial Formation Fund

\$ 925.00 2024 Fair Share for 15/1 Candidate

\$ 360.00 2024 Fair Share SJS 6

\$1,498.55 **Total Restricted Funds**

\$ 242.20 **Total Available Funds**

Respectfully submitted by Norma Noonan, OFS

SJ23rd Council

Minister – Tim Taormina, OFS 612-695-7097

Vice Minister/J.P.I.C. –

Jim Terry, OFS 612-964-1660

Treasurer – Norma Noonan, OFS 651-343-4516

Secretary – Kathy Taormina, OFS 952-457-2209

Formation Director –

Mary Kopelke, OFS 612-990-2173

Spiritual Assistant –

Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Infirmary – Janet Holmes, OFS 952-913-8539

NATIONAL PRAYER for VOCATIONS to the SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

O, 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.

Amen!

Marian R. Crosby, SFO - NAFRA Chapter 2010 - Scottsdale AZ

Gospel- Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to

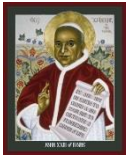
fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.* But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.*

But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."



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Franciscan Gospel Sharing

Gaze on Him

look on the words;

read and listen to the Scripture with an open mind, let the words
sink into you

Consider Him

ponder the words;

think about what is being revealed in your heart and mind and soul

Contemplate Him

weigh the words;

decide which article in the OFS Rule relates to the words and
ponder that article

Imitate Him

outpour the words;

take all of this into the world with a concrete action which today
you state aloud

...in the tradition of St. Clare of Assisi



This is our Family

*Each month we will feature a different member of
the fraternity so we can get to know each other
better and discover a few never-before-known facts
about our brothers and sisters in fraternity.*



What is your full name?

Suzanne Margaret Mary Allen

What is the day and date of your birth?

Wednesday, October 13, 1948

Where were you born? Minneapolis, MN

Where did you grow up? Minneapolis, MN

What schools did you attend?

Grade 1 (Oak Knoll Elementary)

Grades 2-8 (St. Thomas the Apostle Elementary)

High School (Southwest, Minneapolis)

University of Minnesota (B.A. - Child Psychology)

St. Catherine University (B.A. - Elem. Ed.)

Saint Mary's University (M.A - Education.)

What were your favorite subjects in school?

Religion, English, Science, Social Studies, Math

Did you participate in music, art, sports?

No.

I wanted very much to learn how to play the piano.

Did you go on to higher education? See above

What was your career choice or your favorite job?

Education (Teacher/Principal)

Where are all the places you lived?

United States (Minnesota, Arkansas, Pennsylvania,
Mississippi) Mexico

Tell us a little about your family?

I'm the oldest of six children.

What are your favorite things to do today?

I will mention my favorite hobbies, reading, listening
to music, camping, swimming, painting, needlework

How did you receive your calling to the Franciscan vocation?

My mother and godmother were very devoted to St. Francis and Padre Pio. I was in high school when the Franciscan Retreat Center opened. My mother arranged for spiritual direction from one of the friars there, and I made many retreats over the years.

When were you Professed? July 21, 1974

What makes you the most joyful about being part of the Franciscan family?

Following the deeper footsteps behind St. Francis

Share with us one thing that we may not know about you...

I took judo in college