



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS



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**ST. CLARE SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY, CROWLEY, TEXAS**

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

~ Carmine Esposito, OFS

If the following message seems familiar, it's because I have used the same message for the past three years to start off the New Year.

I find the prologue to the Rule speaks volumes of the Charism of Secular Franciscans. No matter what the past year brought us, we begin anew for 2022.

Traditionally, as we begin the New Year, we make resolutions regarding how we would like to improve our lives.

In the past some of my resolutions have been: to diet after the Holidays; exercise more; be a better husband, father, friend; read scripture more; etc... the list is endless.

As a Secular Franciscan, I find I can do all those resolutions and more by simply following Christ as our brother Francis exhorted us to do.



### An excerpt from the Prologue of the Rule, Chapter 1 Concerning Those Who Do Penance

All who love the Lord with their whole heart, with their whole soul and mind, with all their strength (cf. Mk 12:30), and love their neighbors as themselves (cf. Mt 22:39) and hate their bodies with their vices and sins, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and produce worthy fruits of penance.

Oh, how happy and blessed are these men and women when they do these things and persevere in doing them, because "the spirit of the Lord will rest upon them" (cf. Is 11:2) and he will make "his home and dwelling among them" (cf. Jn 14:23), and they are the sons of the heavenly Father (cf. Mt 5:45), whose works they do, and they are the spouses, brothers, and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Mt 12:50).

In this New Year,

**May the Lord bless us and keep us.  
May his face shine upon us and be  
gracious to us.  
And may he look upon us with  
kindness and give us peace.**

Peace and All Good,  
Carmine

***Blessed be God.***

***Blessed be His  
Holy Name.***

***Blessed be  
Jesus Christ,  
true God and  
true Man.***



***Blessed be the  
Name of Jesus.***

***Blessed be His  
Most Sacred Heart.***

# Franciscan Focus



## FOCUS - A NEW YEAR – SO NOW WHAT ??? !!!

Well as Carmine mentioned in his Minister's Message, we are starting a new year and typically this means a new diet, new healthy way to start living, new prayers or practices, and herd of additional things that are unique to ourselves and our life situations. So - this all boils down to making a new "YOU"!

We somehow are not satisfied with how things have been going or we see things that need improving in many aspects of our lives – which do not get me wrong – they are great things to do – but how about doing something that is very old, probably forgotten by many, and not really in the forefront of many of our lives – especially in the secular world.

How about a resolution to just be "ME"? To just be "me" - me as God created me.

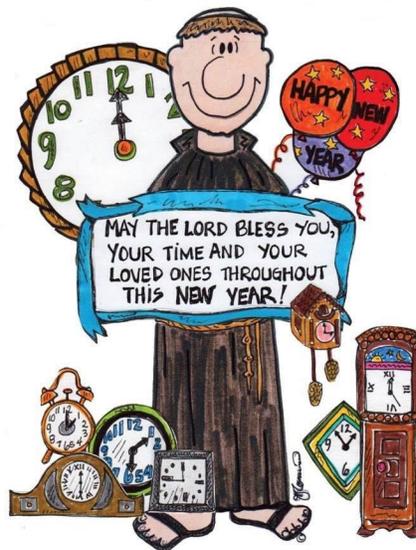
So, what all does this entail? Maybe this is the journey to start searching for this year? So, who am I – Really?! I'm sure many have heard the terms "true self" and "false self". That we want to get rid of the "false self" – because it is not us. But actually, it is us. It is the "us" we created of the overs to cope with different life situations – it could be work situations, friendship situations, good or bad situations or anything that we had to learn to cope with during our lives to get us to the next day. So let's change the name of the "false self" to the "coping self" (a better term to describe in my estimation).

We created a new mask or persona for us to survive. This is really very common – we do it every day – we have a mask/persona. Many of us may have heard it from the expression of a person wearing many hats. Well in each circumstance, we wear a different hat. I know I have a hat I wear for work, another for teaching, another for being a parent or a grandparent or a friend, etc.

Another thing we may hear about is what they call the "shadow" – we all have them – just go out on a sunny day and you'll see your shadow. Yet in this situation, your shadow (in a brief explanation) is the stuff you had to put behind you – maybe not dealing with something – maybe hiding your true feelings – etc. – the list goes on. They are all part of "you" and in finding "you" we learn to incorporate not only the conscious "me" (the one we deal with daily – BUT also the unconscious "me" (the part of me in the shadow, the forgotten me, etc.)

So, the challenge could be this year (which is really a lifelong challenge) – to find "YOU"! Who is the person that God created?

There are many books out there that can help. We've watched in formation a number of Fr. Albert's DVDs on the subject. So, if you have questions or need some assistance looking for something – just let me know and I'll be glad to share resources or other info you may want to know. ~ God bless.



## Franciscan Connections

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<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

LOS TRES CAMPAÑEROS - REGIONAL  
<http://lostrescompaneros.org/>

INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY  
<http://www.ciofs.info/>

FRANCISCAN RULE  
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/the-rule-of-the-secular-franciscan-order/>

KEY DOCUMENTS OF THE ORDER & NATIONAL GUIDELINES  
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/guidelines-forms-other-resources/>

TAU – USA NEWSLETTER  
<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/tau-usa-newsletter/>

RITUAL OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER  
[http://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Ritual\\_of\\_the\\_Secular\\_Franciscan\\_Order.pdf](http://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Ritual_of_the_Secular_Franciscan_Order.pdf)

COMMISSION ON FRANCISCAN INTELLECTUAL-SPIRITUAL TRADITION  
<https://www.franciscantradition.org/>

THE FRANCISCAN ARCHIVE  
<https://franciscan-archive.org/index2.html>

FRANCISCAN ACTION NETWORK  
<https://franciscanaction.org/>

FRANCISCAN MISSIONS  
<https://franciscanmissions.org/>



## MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

The name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names, and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

Jesus is our all. In His name we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. In His name the Church administers all her sacraments. In His name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields, and the sick. In the name of Jesus she casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian

soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord."

— Benedict Baur, O.S.B.



## HISTORY OF THE FEAST

This feast originated towards the end of the fifteenth century and was instituted by the private authority of some bishops in Germany, Scotland, England, Spain, and Belgium. The Office and the Mass composed by Bernardine dei Busti (d. 1500) were approved by Sixtus IV. The feast was officially granted to the Franciscans 25 February, 1530, and spread over a great part of the Church.

The Office used at present is nearly identical with the Office of Bernardine dei Busti. The hymns "Jesu dulcis memoria", "Jesu Rex admirabilis", "Jesu decus angelicum", usually ascribed to St. Bernard, are fragments of a very extensive "jubilus" or "cursus de aeterna sapientia" of some unknown author in the thirteenth century. For the beautiful sequence "Dulcis Jesus Nazarenus" (Morel, "Hymnen des Mittelalters", 67) of Bernardine dei Busti the Franciscans substituted a prose sequence of modern origin: "Lauda Sion Salvatoris".

— Excepted from the *Catholic Encyclopedia*

### EXCERPTS FROM

[https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/01\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/01_1.cfm)



## Fr. Richard Rohr's Daily Email Mediation December 26, 2021

Inspired by Father Richard Rohr's reading of the apocalyptic  
Week Fifty-Two: Summary: A Time of Unveiling

### A Return to Unveiling

Inspired by Father Richard Rohr's reading of the apocalyptic scriptures in light of the significant challenges humanity faces today, our theme this year has been "A Time of Unveiling." At the beginning of this year, Father Richard wrote:

I'm convinced we are living in a time of unveiling—when reality is being revealed as it *always has been and always will be*. Systems of evil have become both more brazen and banal, our sense of "normal" has been upended, and yet in the midst of it, God continues to invite us to deeper trusting love. A few weeks into the pandemic, some people even began to use the word "apocalyptic" to describe what was taking place. Often, this word is used to scare people into some kind of fearful, exclusive, or reactionary behavior, all in expectation of the "end times." But the word "apocalyptic," from the Greek *apokálupsis*, really just means "unveiling."

When things are "unveiled," we stop taking a whole lot of things for granted. That's what major events like the COVID-19 pandemic do for us. They reframe reality in a radical way and offer us an invitation to greater depth and breadth—and compassion. If we trust the universal pattern, the wisdom of all times and all places, including the creation and evolution of the cosmos itself, we know that an ending is also the place for a new beginning. Death promises a new kind of life. [1]

*While the events of this past year may have brought this "unveiling" to the surface for many of us*

*in new and pressing ways, Father Richard and others have been naming this impending shift for many years. What he wrote three decades ago remains true:*

The myths of modernism are dying all around us. Our sophistication and complexity are self-destructing. For several hundred years we were convinced in the West that progress, human reason, and higher technology would resolve human tragedy. They clearly have not. Without denying the gifts of mind and science, we now doubt their messianic promise. More analysis does not necessarily mean more wisdom, and having more options is not necessarily freedom. The accumulation of things is not likely to bring more happiness, and time saved is rarely used for contemplation.

Progress has too often been achieved at the expense of the earth, and human reason has too easily legitimated war, greed, and the pursuit of a private agenda, while technology pays those who serve it, especially the moguls of capitalism, militarism, and big pharma. Our Western philosophy of progress has led us to trust in our own limitlessness and in our future more than in the quality and the mystery of the now. Religion at its best is always concerned with the depth and breadth, paradox and wonder of things. In this sense we have become an impatient and irreligious people. The paschal mystery, the yin and yang of all reality, is outshouted by the quite recent and unproven slogan: "We can have it all!" [2]

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, "[When Things Are Unveiled](#)," Daily Meditation, January 8, 2021.

[2] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Simplicity: The Freedom of Letting Go* (Crossroad Publishing: 1991, 2003), 15.

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<https://cac.org/daily-meditations/about>

# Prayers & Praises

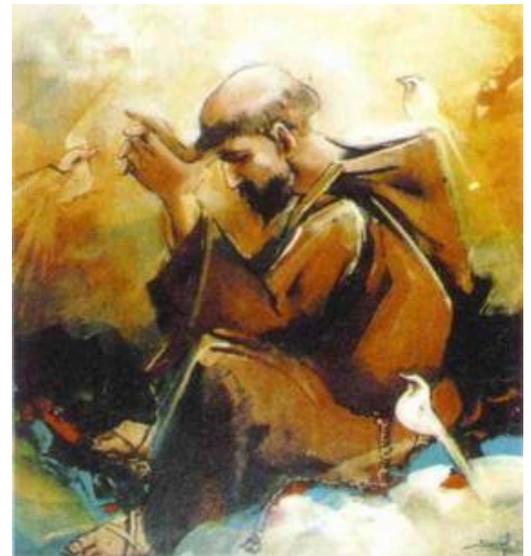


- For Brother Ed Arambasich, OFM – cancer healing.
- For Jennifer and Randy on their new marriage.
- For Baby Mavis Nikale, Baby Jouana Milsen, Vicky Stafford, Jean Kelsey, Charlie and Marilyn Chase, Randy and Jan Redus, C. Dench, Helene G., Deacon Rod McGuire, Matt McGuire, and Carol Kallmeyer.
- For repose of soul of Randy Miller.
- For Johnny Allen - an employee at St. Francis Village who has cancer.
- For Rena's granddaughters Caroline and Annabel.
- Solis Family & Conner; repose of soul of Sarah Solis (Granddaughter of Betty).
- For all the healthcare workers and all those on the front line who are having to deal with Covid, staff shortages, and lack of hospital beds. Help give them strength and bless their efforts.
- For the recent tornado victims, and all those who are going through family turmoil, struggles, and hardships that they may find strength by turning to God.
- For all parents that they will teach their children how to pray, take them to church and raise them to love and honor God.
- For peace in our country and around the world, help all people to respect and help one another.
- For our military and our law enforcement officers that the Lord will protect them as they exercise their daily duties.
- For Baby Kyle for his second surgery and recovery and for his mother Jennifer.
- For Stephen Ward – cancer healing; for Ann Jennings - healing and recovery from a fall.
- For Incarnate Word Sister Mary Paul for an immune disorder; for Candy Dench - recovery from stroke.
- V. Guerra – immune system healing. N. Guerra – for a safe and healthy pregnancy.
- Prayers for Diane Klein and her husband, Joe Serrano, Carol Lieser, Gail McAlister, Fr. Bart, Brennan and his deployment, Debbie Biles who has breast cancer and has begun her chemo treatments.
- For strength to those in Haiti, Afghanistan, Africa, and other places in our world undergoing crisis or persecution – to maintain through the battle.
- Safe travels for all traveling during this time period.
- For those who have Covid or another illness – that our Lord's healing hand may be upon them.
- Prayers for the end of abortion respecting all life from conception to natural death.
- For all families to return to church and hear God's call.
- For the intentions of all the present and former fraternity members and their families not mentioned.
- Praises of gratitude for all we have received and will receive.
- Praises to the Holy Trinity – Father – Son & Holy Spirit – for the gift of life.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022

### For the true human fraternity:

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



# Franciscan Calendar



## Franciscan Calendar – January

### 01. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

02. Saint Basil the Great

#### Epiphany of the Lord

03. Most Holy Name of Jesus

04. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

05. Saints John Neuman and  
Charles of Mt Argus

06. Saint André Bessette

07. Saint Raymond of Peñafort

08. Saint Angela of Foligno

09. Saint Adrian of Canterbury

#### Baptism of the Lord

**Council Meeting – SFV TV Room @ 12:30 pm**

**Fraternity Meeting – SFV Chapel @ 2 pm**

10. Saint Gregory of Nyssa

11. Blessed William Carter

12. Saint Marguerite  
Bourgeoys

13. Saint Hilary of Poitiers

14. Saint Gregory Nazianzen

15. Saint Paul the Hermit

16. Saint Berard &  
Companions

17. Saint Anthony of Egypt

18. Saint Charles of Sezze

19. Saint Fabian

20. Saint Sebastian

21. Saint Agnes

22. Saint Vincent of Zaragossa

23. Saint Marianne Cope

**Granbury Cell Meeting – SFC  
Family Life Center @ 2 pm**

24. Saint Francis de Sales

25. Conversion of Saint Paul

26. Saints Timothy & Titus

27. Saint Angela Merici

28. Saint Thomas Aquinas

29. Servant of God Brother

Juniper

30. Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska

31. Saint John Bosco

#### BIRTHDAYS:

Bob Evart – Jan. 5

#### PROFESSIONS:

Bob Frank – Jan. 2015

Deborah Pettie – Jan. 2003

Victoria Stafford – Jan. 2008

Rex Watkins – Jan. 2015

## COMING IN MARCH 2022

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

FR. ALBERT HAASE, OFM TO BE A KEY NOTE

SPEAKER AT THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR.

“Living Waters of Hope”, the theme for RECongress 2022, spurs us to not only “strike the rock so that water will flow from it” (Cf Exodus 17:6) but also, to not let our hope run dry. For more information <https://recongress.org/>



## FORMATION

### CANDIDATES GROUP

Group's next formation class will be Saturday January 08 at 10 am via Zoom. We will be covering Chapter 28 of the Journey.



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