

# *The Good News*

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*Newsletter of the  
St. Padre Pio Secular  
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Fraternity*

## **Eucharistic Revival: Join us Nov. 4th!**

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022, the U.S. Council of Bishops launched the 3-year National Eucharistic Revival. Its mission is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Year 1 was the Year of Diocesan Revival ((June 19, 2022-June 11, 2023). Bishops, priests, and staff planned and started Eucharistic events, and prayed to Our Lord to revive his Church

Year 2, the Year of Parish Revival (June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024 ), is intended to foster Eucharistic devotion through liturgical life, missions, organic movements, and the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Year 3 will be the National Eucharistic Congress (July 17-21, 2024).

To engage with the revival, Jeff Kroll, fraternity member, received permission to hold our November 4th meeting at his parish, Christ the King, in Belton, TX. The gathering will center on the Eucharist.

“We will begin with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main sanctuary of the church and pray morning prayer in the presence of Jesus,” Jeff said. “After morning prayer our pastor, Fr. Sang, will offer us a benediction before he reposes the Blessed Sacrament. Our beginning meditation will focus on the gifts God has given us in the Incarnation and the Eucharist. Ongoing formation will include a presentation on Bl. Carlo Acutis and his catalogue of Eucharistic miracles. Initial formation will include a session on the Eucharist and Franciscan spirituality.

“I am really excited about this as our fraternity's first opportunity to participate in the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Austin!”

Source: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



Monthly gatherings are on the 1st Saturday of the month at

St. Helen Catholic Church

St. Rita Center  
Georgetown, Texas

7:45 am LOTH

8:00 am Opening Prayer/Welcoming

8:45 am Fellowship

9:00 am Ongoing Formation

10:00 am Fellowship

10:15 am Business Meeting

11:00 am Initial Formation

11:55 am Closing Prayer

12:05 Mass

***Next Gathering:***

***Saturday***

***November 4th***

***Christ the King***

## **Laudate Deum: On the Climate Crisis**

**by Pope Francis**

**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi October 4, 2023**



In this apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis concludes that climate change remains a global crisis and efforts to address it have been inadequate.

Signs of climate change are increasingly evident and there is no longer reason to doubt the human origin of climate change. A few facts are:

- The concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere causes global warming. More than 42% of total net emissions since the year 1850 were produced after 1990.
- In the last 50 years, the temperature has risen at an unprecedented speed on the earth's surface, several kilometers higher in the atmosphere, the surface of oceans and even their depths of hundreds of meters. Glaciers are receding, snow cover is diminishing, and the sea level is constantly rising.
- Every time the global temperature increases by 0.5°C, the intensity and frequency of great rains and floods, severe droughts, extreme heat waves, and heavy snowfall increases. In 10 years, we could reach the recommended maximum global ceiling of 1.5°C.
- Some effects are already irreversible, at least for several hundred years, such as the increase in the global temperature of the oceans, their acidification and decrease in oxygen, and the melting of the poles.

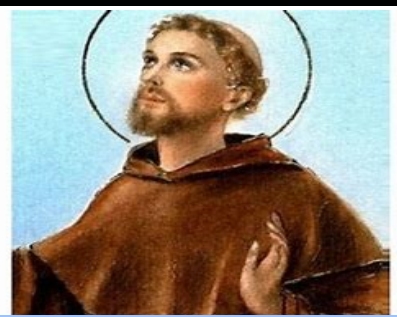
For several decades, representatives of more than 190 countries have periodically met to discuss climate change. Recommendations have been poorly implemented due to lack of oversight and lack of penalties in cases of noncompliance. Despite negotiations and agreements, global emissions continue to increase.

Multilateral agreements are necessary if solid and lasting advances are to be made. Pope Francis encourages participants of the upcoming Conference of the Parties (COP28) in Dubai to implement bold action. Failure to act means dire consequences for humans and the planet.

Source: Vatican.va; Laudate Deum given in Rome, Basilica of Saint James Lantern, Oct 4th, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, 2023

**Reflection:** Pope Francis calls for a global response to the climate change crisis, including at the individual level. Individual involvement and action can lead to cultural changes. As a Secular Franciscan, what do you do, or could do, to improve the environment?





### ***Prayer Intentions: We pray for..***

*\*the health and well-being of Bill and Sheila;*

*\*Jeanene who was diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer. She will begin chemo and radiation soon. Prayers for comfort and healing for her;*

*\*continued prayers for Clarisa's brother-in-law as he prepares for hip replacement surgery and his ongoing challenges after radiation treatment;*

*\*all souls in purgatory;*

*\*Lynn's friend, Ann, who has lung cancer;*

*\*Lynn's friend's daughter who is living on the streets right now and using drugs;*

*\*Marv and Lynn's son, Greg Freeman, who will be having surgery on his stomach; and*

*\*a solution to the climate change crisis.*

*Lord hear our prayers*

### **St. Padre Pio Transitus Celebration 2023**

On Tuesday evening, October 3rd, St. Padre Pio Fraternity and guests gathered at St. Helen to celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis. As part of the ceremony, members read aloud a script of dialogue between Francis and his brothers.

After the ceremony, participants enjoyed fellowship and delicious food, including St. Francis' favorite almond cookies!





## Announcements

*\*The November 4th St. Padre Pio Fraternity Meeting will be at Christ the King Catholic Church, 210 E 24th Ave, Belton, TX 76513. Please note change in location for our monthly gathering. An invitation has been extended to members of Christ the King parish to attend as well as University of Mary-Hardin Baylor students. We ask that you bring more food to share at the social times so that we will have enough for everyone. Coffee will be provided. Check your email for the meeting and formation agendas.*

*\*If you want to email a general message to the fraternity, use this link:*

***emailsppofs@googlegroups.com***

*\*If you want to email a prayer request, use this link:*

***pleaseprayspp@googlegroups.com***

### PADRE PIO HOMELESS APOSTOLATE

At our fraternity homeless apostolate in October, we were able to share fellowship, food, clothing...and ice cream!

You are welcomed to join us on the third Saturday of every month. We meet at 9:30 am in the HEB parking lot at I-35 and Wells Branch (1434 WELLS BRANCH PKWY PFLUGERVILLE). We usually gather in front of the car wash.

Please help us out! We are in real need of donations of shorts, underwear, t-shirts, and socks! Bless you! ♥

Link: [www.tinyurl.com/487wvetb](http://www.tinyurl.com/487wvetb)



Photos of October 2023 Homeless Apostolate