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If your fraternity or church has planned a gathering or special event, please send me your information for e-publication by the 25th of the preceding month.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good!

Thursday, August 2, is the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels. Not only is this our Regional Feast Day, but it is a day of opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence. For those of you who are new to the Franciscan life, August 2 is the day on which we may gain the Porziuncola indulgence (also called the "Pardon of Assisi").

You may read about the Porziuncola and the history of the indulgence here:

<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porziuncola>



Simply put...to gain the indulgence on August 2, devoutly visit any church... under the usual conditions – (sacramental Confession, Holy Communion [within 20 days], and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, at least the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.)

*Hail, Lady and Queen,
holy Mary, Mother of God,
Virgin who became the Church,
chosen by the Father in heaven,
consecrated by His beloved Son
and His Spirit, the Comforter:
in you was and remains,
the whole fullness of grace
and everything that is good.
Hail, His palace,
hail, His tabernacle,
hail, His dwelling,
hail, His robe,
hail, His handmaid,
hail, His mother!*

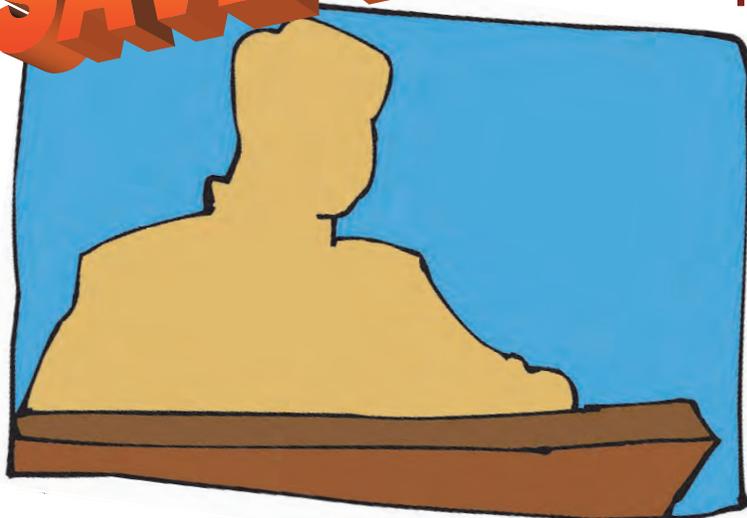
St. Francis of Assisi

Peace and blessings,

Diane F. Menditto, OFS
Minister

Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity

SAVE THE DATE



FOR THE OFS
**SERVANT
LEADERSHIP
WORKSHOP**



Servant Leadership and the Making of a Vibrant Council

- KEYNOTE
- PANEL DISCUSSIONS
- GROUP SHARING

WHO IS INVITED?

All those who are presently serving; those discerning a nomination and those who have an interest in serving in the future.

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

PLACE: St. Bonaventure Church Hall

174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ

TIME: 9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Local Fraternity EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FRATERNITY, HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY INVITES YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS BRUNCH

The brunch is prepared and served by the Secular Franciscans.

RSVP required:

Please contact Diane Menditto, OFS at dianefmdfm@aol.com

PLACE: St. Francis Church Hall
50 Lodi Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

DATE: Sunday, September 9th, 2018

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

TICKETS: \$18.00 per person

GUEST SPEAKER: Bro. Miguel Ramirez, OFM Cap.

If you attend please bring some school supplies or a gift card to Target, Staples or Walmart for the Southwest Indian Mission schools.

August
24, 25, & 26,
2018



Annual Retreat at Bishop Molloy Retreat House
to be given by

Fr. Thomas Franks, OFM, Cap

on "St. Bonaventure and the
Stages of Spiritual Growth."

Cost: \$215.00 for stay-in and \$125.00 for commuter.

Make check payable to: St. John's Fraternity.

If you are planning to attend, please make reservation ASAP.

Contact **Patria Fausto, 917-796-4393** or

Ester Lopez, 201-286-2270

Space is limited.



2018 DATES: SEPTEMBER 1; OCTOBER 6; NOVEMBER 3; DECEMBER 1

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

230 East 90th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenues), New York, NY 10128

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.— Holy Hour | 9:00 p.m.— Performance

CONTACT: catholicunderground@gmail.com 

COST: Free admission all are welcome.

PARKING: Discounted Parking at GGMC Parking garage located at **245 East 90th Street**, (directly across the street from the church, for \$10 with Catholic Underground parking validation sticker. (Valid from 5:00 p.m. — 1:00 a.m.) Additional charge for SUVs.



Catholic Underground is an apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It is a direct response to a call that began with Pope John Paul II. He said that because the Gospel lives in conversation with culture, we must be fearless in crossing the cultural threshold of the communication and information revolution now taking place.

THE FIRST PART OF THE EVENING IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION and begins with Vespers (Evening Prayer). This is the universal prayer of the Church — prayed by the Catholics throughout the world in every time zone and in every language.

After Vespers, there is a time of simple praise. This provides a window for each person to personally encounter Jesus Christ. The beauty of the darkened Church illumined by candles helps us enter the mystery of our Lord's presence in the Eucharist. Holy Hour ends with solemn Benediction.

THE SECOND PART OF THE EVENING SHOWCASES PERFORMANCE BY CATHOLIC ARTISTS. Here you'll experience the "new evangelization". This includes music, poetry, visual art, dancers, film, drama, etc.

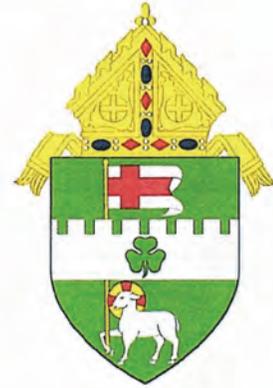
WE END OUR EVENING as we began, with the prayer of the Church.

COMPLINE: (Night Prayer) is simple and beautiful. It concludes with a hymn to Our Lady.

“ One of the most successful gatherings we have in the Archdiocese happens on Saturday evenings in a midtown parish and attracts a thousand or more young adults who come for prayer before the Eucharist. Confession, song and especially good company with those who share deep Catholic values in a culture and city that can indeed be at times antagonistic. The name of their gathering is revealing — Catholic Underground! That's the new minority who give their bishop so much hope! May their tribe increase!

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN ”
(Catholic New York)

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

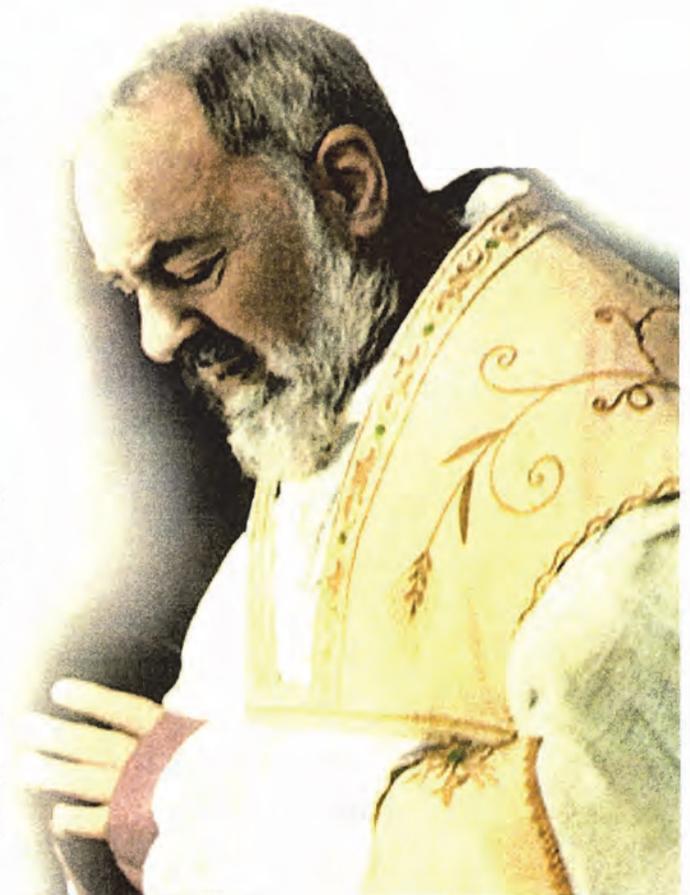
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
(FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.)

For information about the public
veneration, please call (973) 334-2090
or send an email to
stpeterpar@optonline.net

Come and venerate the official relics of
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion
of the 50th commemoration anniver-
sary of his passing.

A mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will
be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. by **Msgr.
Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A.**, Pastor of the
St. Peter the Apostle Church



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OCTOBER 2018 RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY



This coming October from 4 to 14, Fr. Mario Conte, executive editor of the *Messenger of Saint Anthony* magazine, will bring to the United States two precious relics of our Saint from the Basilica in Padua. One of these reliquaries contains the **Saint's floating rib**. This is the very same reliquary that was used by Pope Francis (then **Archbishop Bergoglio**) to bless the faithful after the Solemn Mass at the Cathedral Metropolitana in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on April 30, 2000.

The same reliquary had been kissed five years earlier by **Sister Lucia of Fatima** when it was taken to the nuns at the Monastery of Carmelite sisters in Coimbra, Portugal, in January 1995, during the commemorations for the 800th anniversary of the Saint's birth.

NEW JERSEY SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 4

St Anthony of Padua Church
65 Bartholdi Avenue
Butler, NJ 07405
Veneration: 10AM to 1:30PM
and from 6PM to 8PM
Masses: 12:10PM & 7PM

Friday October 5

Saint Anthony of Padua Church
436 Port Reading Avenue
Port Reading, NJ 07064
Veneration: 10AM to 8PM
Mass: 12:15PM

Wednesday, October 10

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine
61 Georgia Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
Veneration all day with Masses

Friday, October 12

The Monastery of Saint Clare
Abbess: Sister Etta Patton OSC
150 White Pine Road
Chesterfield, NJ
Veneration from
9AM to 12:30PM

Friday, October 12

St. Thomas Syro-Malabar
Catholic Forane Church
508 Elizabeth Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873
Veneration: from 3PM to 9PM
Mass: 7:30PM

Saturday, October 13

Saint Anthony of Padua
276 Diamond Bridge Avenue
Hawthorne, NJ
Veneration: from 9AM to 1PM
Mass: 10AM

Saturday, October 13

Saint Vincent de Paul
250 Bebout Avenue
Stirling, NJ 07980
Veneration:
from 3PM to 7PM
Vigil Mass: 5PM

Sunday, October 14

Our Lady Queen of Peace
209 Route 206
Branchville, NJ 07826
Masses: 8AM; 9:30AM; 11AM

Sunday, October 14

Sacred Heart of Jesus
63 E. Main Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866
Veneration: from 3PM to 7PM
Mass: 3PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TOM MUSCATELLO AT:

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REJOICE AND BE GLAD

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE



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EVERYDAY LIFE CAN LEAD TO HOLINESS

You do not need to be a bishop, a priest or a member of a religious order to be holy.

Everyone is called to be a saint, as the Second Vatican Council reminded us—a mother or a father, a student or an attorney, a teacher or a janitor. “Saints next door,” Francis calls them. All we need to do is to “live our lives in love” and “bear witness” to God in all we do. That also doesn’t have to mean big, dramatic actions.

Francis offers examples of everyday sanctity, like a loving parent raising a child; as well as “small gestures” and sacrifices that one can make, like deciding not to pass on gossip. If you can see your own life as a “mission,” then you’ll soon realize that you can simply be loving and kind to move towards holiness.

You also do not have to be “swooning in mystic rapture” to be a saint or walking around with “lowered eyes.” Nor do you have to withdraw from other people.

“**REJOICE AND BE GLAD**” is what Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount. It’s also the title of Pope Francis’ new apostolic exhortation on holiness in everyday life. Why should we “rejoice and be glad”? Because God, as Francis reminds us, calls us all to be saints. But how can we respond to that call? Here are five takeaways from Francis’ new and very practical exhortation.

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HOLINESS MEANS BEING YOURSELF

Pope Francis offers us many examples of holy lives throughout this document: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the French Carmelite who found holiness in doing small tasks; St. Ignatius of Loyola, the Jesuit founder who sought to find God in all things; St. Philip Neri, the founder of the Oratorians who was renowned for his sense of humor.

The saints pray for us and give us examples of how to live our lives, but we are not meant to be cookie-cutter versions of them. We are meant to be ourselves and each believer is meant to “discern his or her own path” and “bring out the very best of themselves.”

As Thomas Merton said,

“For me to be a saint means to be myself.”

On the other hand, you do not want to be caught up in the “rat race” of rushing from one thing to another.

A balance between action and contemplation is essential.

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TWO TENDENCIES TO AVOID: GNOSTICISM AND PELAGIANISM

Pope Francis may send people racing to either dictionaries or their theology textbooks when asks us to avoid two dangers in the spiritual life.

The first is *Gnosticism*, from the Greek word *gnosis*, to know.

Gnosticism is the old heresy that says that what matters most is what you know. No need to be charitable or do good works. All you need is the correct *intellectual* approach.

Today Gnosticism tempts people to think that they can make the faith “entirely comprehensible” and leads them to want to force others to adopt their way of thinking.

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“When somebody has an answer for every question,” says Francis, “it’s a sign that they are not on the right path.” In other words, being a know-it-all is not going to save you.

The second thing to avoid is Pelagianism, named for Pelagius, the fifth-century theologian associated with this idea. Pelagianism says that we can take care of our salvation through our own efforts. Pelagians trust in their own powers, don’t feel like they need God’s grace and act superior to others because they observe certain rules.

Today’s Pelagians often have, the pope says, “an obsession with the law, an absorption with social and political advantages, punctilious concern for the church’s liturgy, doctrine and prestige.” It’s a real danger to holiness because it robs us of humility, sets us over others, and leaves little room for grace.

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BE KIND

“Gaudete et Exsultate” is filled with Pope Francis’ trademark practical advice for living a life of holiness. For example, don’t gossip, stop judging and, most important, stop being cruel.

That goes for online actions, too. Francis’ comments on this topic are memorable. Online, he writes, “defamation and slander can become commonplace...since things can

be said there that would be unacceptable in public discourse, as people look to compensate for their own discontent by lashing out at others... In claiming to uphold other commandments, they completely ignore the eighth, which forbids bearing false witness or lying and ruthlessly vilifying others.”

To be holy, be kind.

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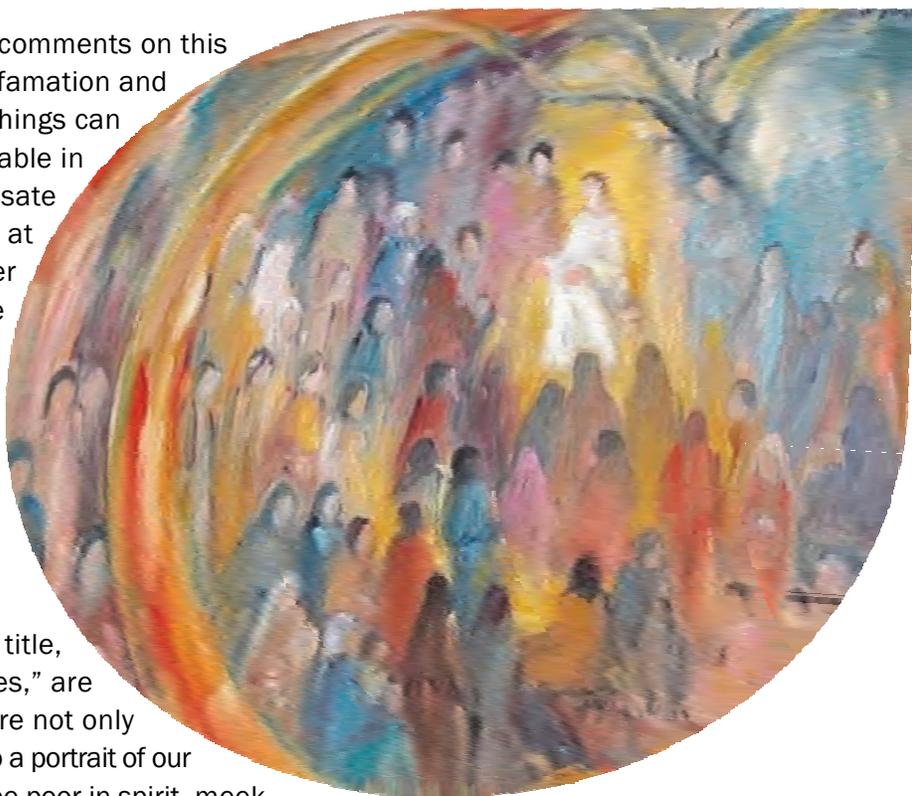
THE BEATITUDES ARE A ROADMAP FOR HOLINESS

As you might guess from the document’s title, the Beatitudes, Jesus’ list of “blessed ones,” are central to this exhortation. The Beatitudes are not only what Jesus means by holiness, they are also a portrait of our Lord himself. So we’re called to be poor in spirit, meek, peacemakers, to hunger and thirst for righteousness and so on.

But let me focus on one beatitude: “Blessed are the merciful.” Pope Francis says mercy, one of the central themes of his papacy, has two aspects: helping and serving others, but also forgiving and understanding. Jesus does not say, “Blessed are those who plot revenge!”

And what is Pope Francis’ overall summary of holiness?

It’s based on the Beatitudes: “Seeing and acting with mercy.”



The article titled: *Top Five Takeaways from ‘Gaudete et Exsultate’* by Fr. James Martin, S.J. first appeared April 9, 2018 on the America magazine website, americamagazine.org



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Celebrate the Rule Cards – Week 9

CIOFS is publishing a series of weekly cards to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of our Rule. The cards are available in English, Spanish, French and Italian. Please share these with fraternity members without Internet access.

Anna Geraci
—Editor

CIOFS FORMATION

THE RULE

The Challenge

Do I adapt my involvement in the OFS to the needs of the church in the conditions of changing times?

"adapts the OFS to the needs and expectations of the Holy Church in the conditions of changing time" Art 3

- 1=never;
- 2=rarely;
- 3=sometimes;
- 4=often;
- 5=always



40 Celebrating
years
Of the OFS Rule
1978 - 2018

FORMACION CIOFS LA REGLA El Desafío

¿Adapto mi participación en la OFS a las necesidades de la Iglesia según las condiciones de los tiempos cambiantes?
"adapta la Orden Franciscana Seglar a las exigencias y a las esperanzas de la Santa Iglesia, en las nuevas condiciones de los tiempos"

Art 3

- 1=Nunca;
- 2=Raramente;
- 3=A veces;
- 4=A menudo;
- 5=Siempre

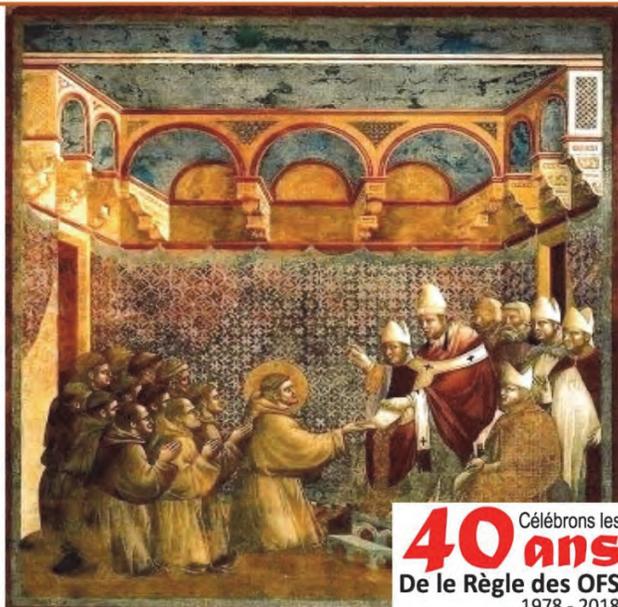


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años
De la Regla de la OFS
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CIOFS FORMATION LA RÈGLE Le Défi

Est-ce que j'adapte ma participation au sein de l'OFS aux besoins de l'Église suivant les conditions des temps changeants?
"Cette Règle a pour objet d'adapter l'Ordre Franciscain Séculier aux exigences et aux attentes de l'Église, dans les conditions du monde actuel..." Art 3

- 1=Jamais;
- 2=Rarement;
- 3=Quelquefois;
- 4=Souvent;
- 5=Toujours



40 Célébrons les
ans
De le Règle des OFS
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FORMAZIONE CIOFS LA REGOLA La Sfida

¿Adatto la mia partecipazione all'OFS ai bisogni della chiesa secondo le condizioni dei tempi che cambiano?

"adatta l'Ordine Franciscano Secolare alle esigenze ed all'attese della Santa Chiesa nelle mutate condizioni dei tempi" Art 3

- 1=Mai;
- 2=Raramente;
- 3=A volte;
- 4=Spesso;
- 5=Sempre



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anni
della Regola dell'OFS
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THE PADUA PROGRAM

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Greetings and Peace!

Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF, asked that I share the news about *The Padua Program* – a program to assist lay women and men who are in positions in Franciscan ministries (colleges, schools, hospitals, social centers) who have responsibility for promoting the Franciscan mission. More and more lay persons will be taking the place of retiring sisters, friars, etc., and those positions would be ideal for prepared members of our OFS family. Some of you may already be holding such jobs, and this program would be a help to you as well.

I am listing some documents below that will give you an idea of the scope of the program, along with their links to learn more. Please share the news of this opportunity widely – and quickly – as the Registration deadline is **September 5, 2018**.

Should anyone be interested in more information, you may contact Sr. Margaret Carney directly. Her email is MCARNEY@sbu.edu



Thank you for your help in increasing awareness of this opportunity.

Peace and good,
Jan Parker, OFS
Minister, Secular Franciscan Order, USA

[Padua Project Brochure](#)

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Padua-Project-Brochure2.pdf>



[Padua FAQ](#)

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/PaduaFAQ.pdf>



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- Learn how to apply Franciscan values to today's workplace challenges

Acquire skills to use Franciscan economics and to use morals and ethics in decision-making

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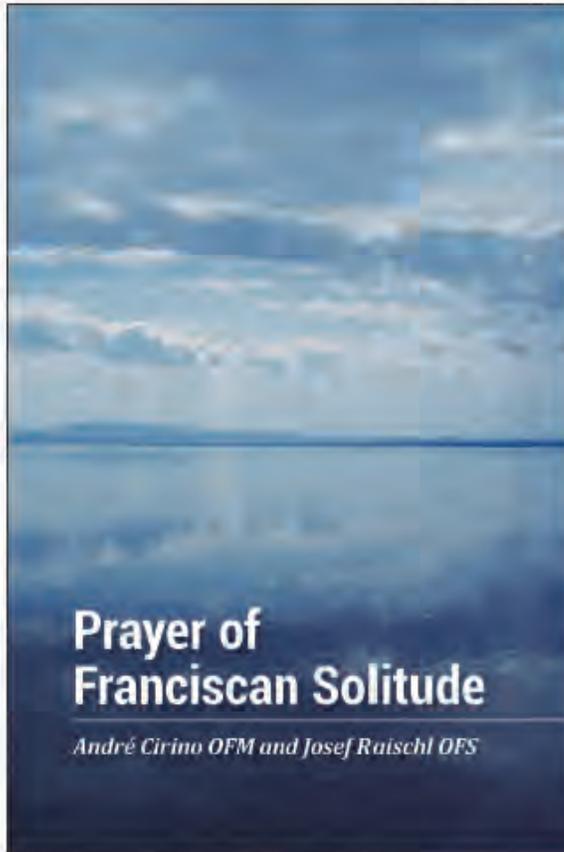
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Since the publication of our first volume, *Franciscan Solitude*, in 1995, we have encountered several people who have taken St. Francis' *Document on Solitude* personally into the fabric their lives, and we have invited them to share their experiences in a collection of essays that comprise a new anthology called *Franciscan Prayer of Solitude*. Solitude has been embraced by the Church since its beginning, but solitude that is called by the name "Franciscan" has the unique vision of its founder, St. Francis, stamped upon it. And simply being *in a religious way* in solitude is prayer. So, we offer these essays to all lovers of Franciscan solitude

The followers of Francis and Clare today continue to discover ways to adapt a thirteenth-century document on solitude to the lives of people in the twenty-first century. The essays of this volume demonstrate the ongoing vitality of the Franciscan spiritual tradition of solitude in our day. And the inspiring words and example of these authors comprise an invitation to the readers of this book to discover the riches of this tradition for themselves.

Brother William Short OFM from his Introduction to this new anthology

Preface: André Cirino OFM and Josef Raischl OFS

Introduction: William J. Short OFM

St. Francis' Document on Solitude: André Cirino OFM

What's in a Name: André Cirino OFM

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Into the Silence: A Meditation: Murray Bodo OFM

From the Board Room to the Hermitage: John-Allen Green OFM

Reflection on Solitude: Anna Marie Covely OSC

Sit Apart from Leaping, Experiencing a Day of Solitude: Clare D'Auria OSF

Hermitages in a Spiritual Center Setting: A Franciscan Experience: Helen Budzik OSF

Living the Document on Solitude While in Full-Time Ministry, The Franciscan Hermitage: Kathleen Osbelt OSF

A Deliberate Life Little Brothers of Francis: Brothers Wayne, Howard, Geoffrey

The Solitude Group: Louise Beesley

The Gift of Solitude: Mary Esther Stewart OFS

Mountain Mysticism, The Spiritual Experience of Walking and Climbing: Bernadette and Josef Raischl OFS



CIOFS MONTHLY OFS—YOUFRA PRAYER INTENTIONS

TO EMPHASIZE COMMUNION WITH THE POPE, WE OFFER THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTION AND AN OFS INTENTION, BASED ON THE LIFE AND MAJOR EVENTS OF THE ORDER.
LOCAL FRATERNITIES ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR BOTH.

2018

January	<p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian Countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Togo, Mozambique, and Korea.</p>
February	<p><u>Universal:</u> That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of RD Congo (VP), and Cyprus (VFP).</p>
March	<p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Brazil (VFP), Switzerland, Russia and Japan.</p>
April	<p><u>Universal:</u> That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Mauritius, Cuba, Latvia, Taiwan and for the CIOFS Presidency.</p>
May	<p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Canada, Costa Rica and New Zealand (VFP).</p>
June	<p><u>Universal:</u> That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Haiti, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, El Salvador, Austria, Malawi and Puerto Rico.</p>
July	<p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Rwanda and for the Pan-African Congress.</p>
August	<p><u>Universal:</u> That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Paraguay (VFP), Ireland, Brazil and the European Congress.</p>
September	<p><u>Universal:</u> That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Great Britain, Oceania Australia (VFP), Angola and Sweden.</p>
October	<p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Croatia (VFP), Sri Lanka and India.</p>
November	<p><u>Universal:</u> That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of the United States, Portugal, Vietnam (VFP), Nicaragua (VFP) and for the CIOFS Presidency.</p>
December	<p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For all the national fraternities in difficulty.</p>