



# THE CABRINIAN

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PROVINCE OF THE OFM

Newsletter of the St. Frances X. Cabrini Fraternity of the OFS  
Fraternity Gathering 18 August 2013 @ 1:30 pm  
St. Nicholas Byzantine Church 1051 Robinson Ave., Barberton, OH

*As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts, thus no one will be provoked to anger or scandal because of you. Let everyone be drawn to peace and kindness through your peace and gentleness. For we have been called to this: to cure the wounded, to bind up the broken, to recall the erring. Many who seem to us member of the devil will yet be disciples of Christ.*

St. Francis of Assisi

Sent out via e-mail on 26 July 2013 by Kathleen White, OFS from TAU-Daily: Franciscan Quote

## *Quote for the Year of Faith*

***To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.***

***To one who has no faith, no explanation is possible***

St. Thomas Aquinas

## ***Doughnut Sale: Fundraiser for Fraternity Retreat***

Don't forget the Doughnut Sale to be held at St. Francis de Sales Parish. This church is located 4019 Manchester Rd., Akron, on 10 August 2013 after the 4 P.M. Mass on Saturday and after each of the 11 August 2013 Sunday Masses (7:30 A.M., 9 A.M. & 11 A.M.) If you can help with the sales these Masses please contact Debbie Ventosa. It shouldn't be difficult if there are enough helping hands. This fundraiser has been extremely well planned. Proceeds will help fund the Annual Fraternity Retreat In 2014. A big thank you to everyone who helped plan this manner of raising funds and to all those who volunteered to sell the doughnuts.

Another wonderful idea. On the top of each box of one dozen doughnuts there will be taped one of the small business cards of the St. Frances X. Cabrini Fraternity. That will remind people of who is selling the pastries (it will have been in the church bulletin), but will also give people a way to contact the Fraternity if they have any questions, about the Order or think they may have a vocation to the OFS. What a great way to evangelize for the Secular Franciscans.

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Schedule for 2013

Sunday	Pepe Ventosa, Mary Beth Garvin
Monday	Judith Hoyt, Mary Lou Swartz,
Tuesday	Debbie Ventosa, Maria Elena & Roberto Meza
Wednesday	Bill Marshall, Dorothy Takacs, Ruth Older
Thursday	Joanne Angelettii, Deacon Fred & Joyce Browne, Sandy Pollino
Friday	Bob Burtscher, Mary Tag
Saturday	Mary Cate Roberts

If you need prayers, please contact the one of the people who will be in Eucharistic Adoration on that day.

Please try to make a visit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, Not everyone is able to commit to a specific day and time, but we can all find a some time to visit with our Savior.

## Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

Eucharistic Fraternity in Canton is holding a Transitus Service on 28 September 2013 at 3 P.M. at Sancta Clara Monastery at N Market St., Canton. A reception will follow the service. All the Fraternities in our Regional Cluster are invited to join in this commemoration of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi .

Normally Transitus Services are held in the evening of 3 October (the date St. Francis passed

to eternal life with the Father). Some people, however, work, and others may not be able to drive at night. In such cases it is permissible to hold Transitus at different times and on a different day.

Eucharistic Fraternity would like to know how many will be attending. Please let Elizabeth know if you will be attending and if you are bringing any guests.

## Stand for Life

Scheduled for August are: Debbie Ventosa, Ruth Older & Bill Marshall. You are always welcome to join them in this ministry, to stand and pray for the unborn children, their parents, and for those who work in these places of horror, that they may come to know God's love and embrace life from conception to natural death. Please contact Debbie for further information.

From reading the newspaper recently it seems that some of these clinics in our area are being closed down! Thanks be to God.

If you can not *Stand for Life* at an abortion clinic , know that your prayers are always needed. In your prayers, please remember the other pro-life issues, such as assisted suicide, capital punishment, neglect of children and older adults and those who are unable to care for themselves. There are number of pro-life issues that need to be addressed in our society today.

The St. Frances X. Cabrini Fraternity members are very active in pro-life with several apostolates: the Little Portion, the Epiphany Gathering, food pantry donations, Thank you to everyone for caring and sharing.

## FR. VIT FIALA, O.F.M.

Fr. Vit Fiala, O.F.M. from Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Shrine in Youngstown has been a great blessing for our Fraternity as our Spiritual Assistant. A wonderful teacher, the range of his knowledge is astounding, but he could bring the subject down to a level we could understand and comprehend.

We were able have Days of Reflection at the Shrine. Fr. Vit traveled back and forth to be with us for a Palm Sunday Fraternity Retreat (and he had obligations to meet at the Shrine). On our gathering days he drove from Youngstown to Barberton, which is quite trek.

It is with sorrow that we announce that Fr. Vit is leaving this area. He is being transferred to a position in the state of Connecticut at the beginning of September. We wish him well in the new assignment, and thank him for all he has done for our Fraternity. Please keep him in your prayers.

Also, please pray that we may find another Spiritual Assistant for our Fraternity.

## Rite of Profession

**Sandra Pollino**

**Maria Elena & Roberto Meza**

**Mary Lynn & Paul Tag**

These five individual will be making their Permanent Profession as Secular Franciscans.

**Date**            Saturday 5 October 2013  
**Time**            11 A.M. Mass with Fr. Joe Tuscan, O.F.M. Cap., Celebrant  
**Place**            Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
                       Walsh University Campus  
                       2020 E. Maple St.  
                       North Canton, OH

A reception will be held after the Profession.

Please plan on being present and celebrating with us this very joyous occasion as these five individuals make their Permanent Profession in the Secular Franciscan Order. They are a blessing to our Fraternity, and truly radiate joy as Franciscans. All of these people have been very faithful in their studies as well as attending and participating in Fraternity gatherings and activities.

If you need a ride, please contact any member of the Fraternity Council.

## ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

by Sandy Pollino



St Margaret of Cortona, T.O.S.F. (1247 –Feb 22, 1297) was born at Laviano, in Tuscany, and died in Cortona, Italy. She was canonized in 1728. St. Margaret was an Italian penitent of the Third Order of St. Francis. Feast Days (Feb 22 and May 16). St. Margaret is the patron saint of the falsely accused; single mothers; temptations; hoboos; homeless; insane; mentally ill; orphaned; midwives; penitent women; reformed prostitutes; stepchildren; those ridiculed for their piety and companionship of dogs. She enjoyed canine companionship. A dog is even expressed in the church where she is buried.

At age seven, St. Margaret's mother died and her father remarried. At the age of 17 she ran away with a young man, the son of the Lord of Valiano. For ten years she lived with him in his castle and bore him a son. Margaret wanted to marry him as he had promised, but he refused. She had compassion towards the poor and would seek out quiet places for prayer. Neighbors requested her to look into her soul before it was too late. Margaret responded for them not to fear, for she would die a saint and critics would come as pilgrims to her shrine. St. Margaret became worried when the young man's favorite hound return without his master, who failed to return from a journey. The hound led Margaret to his murdered body in the forest. Margaret returned all her jewelry and gifts to his family and left his castle. She returned to her father's house with her son, but her stepmother refused to take them in. Margaret went to the Franciscan Friars at Cortona, where her son eventually became a friar, and she placed herself in their care, of the church on San Francesco, in the city. For three years she struggled with temptations, recognizing the necessity of self-discipline and an entire consecration of herself to religion. After three years, St. Margaret joined the Third Order of St. Francis. She followed the example of St. Francis of Assisi, fasting as she begged for sustenance and bread, living in strict poverty and conversion.

In 1277, as St. Margaret was praying the church of the Franciscan Friars, she heard the words, "What is your wish, poverella (little poor one)? She replied, "I neither seek nor wish for anything but you, my Lord Jesus." She then lived in regular communications with God. After a time of probation and purification He called her "My child." She asked the city of Cortona to found a hospital for sick, homeless and impoverished. She instituted a congregation of Tertiary Sisters, known as "Le Poverelle" (French for "the little poor"), to secure nurses for the hospital. She established a confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy; the members bound themselves to support the hospital, to help the needy and particularly the poor.

On several occasions St. Margaret participated in public affairs, to help end civic feuds. Twice, following a Divine command, she challenged the Bishop of Arezzo, Guglielmo Ubertini Pazzi of the Diocese of Cortona, because he lived like a secular prince and soldier rather than like a pastor. She moved to the ruined church of St. Basil where she spent her last years and is now buried. After her death the church of St. Basil was rebuilt in her honor and dedicated in her name. St. Margaret of Cortona was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII on May 16, 1728.

*Note: a dog played an important role in St. Margaret's life. Dogs can play an important part in our lives by presenting examples of unconditional love and undivided loyalty. Following St. Francis and St. Margaret, we should have an appreciation for all animals, especially our dear pets.*

## BLESSED FATHER JUNIPERO SERRA



Carol Perrine, OFS

Born Miguel Jose Serra on the Island of Mallorca, Spain on November 24, 1713. Fr. Serra took the name Junipero in 1730 when he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737 Fr. Serra taught philosophy and theology at the University of Padua until 1749. At the age of thirty-seven he landed in Mexico City on January 1, 1750 to serve the Franciscan missions in the new world. He walked thousands of miles between San Diego and Monterey and even Mexico City. During one of his travels he was bitten by an insect that caused a sore on his leg that created great pain for the rest of his life.

With the aid of the Spanish military, to prevent the Russian America (Alaska) from colonizing in the Upper and Lower California (now modern day California), Fr. Serra set up the first of nine missions in Alta, California. July 16, 1769 marked the beginning of European settlements in California. They have spread to 21 missions today.

Fr. Serra introduced agriculture, irrigation techniques, the Spanish language and the Roman Catholic religion to the area. He battled governments and the military to secure a system of laws to protect California Indians from injustices.

When he died at the age of 70 he had traveled more than 24,000 miles, founded nine missions, which expanded into 21 missions, baptized 6,000 Indians (Fr. Junipero Serra was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 25, 1988. His feast day is July 1st.

### *St. John Vianney Apostolate: Seminarian Fund*

Please remember our St. John Vianney Apostolate to help a seminarian in Moshi. The cost per seminarian per year is \$800.00. Our Fraternity is assisting Gastor Bahati as he continues in his studies at the major seminary. When you put money into one of the special envelopes for this fund please be sure to put your name on a slip of paper and put it in the envelope with your donation. The Internal Revenue Service demands this. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Church Visits**

Members of St. Anthony Fraternity in Elyria are making visits to various parishes on Saturday 17 August and Saturday 24 August, as a pilgrimage for the Year of Faith. On Saturday 17 August (the day before our Fraternity picnic) they will gather at their home parish and then drive to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Wooster. Then they will drive to St. Sebastian in Akron and participate in the 4 P.M. Mass. They are also considering have a snack or dinner at an inexpensive restaurant before heading back to Elyria.

Is it possible that some from our Fraternity would be able join them for Mass at St. Sebastian and then go out with them for a snack or a meal? There are few good things about this idea.

1. We would spend time in prayer and celebrate the Eucharist with other Secular Franciscans.
2. Others may be made more aware of the presences of the OFS in the area and perhaps even be encouraged to look inside themselves to consider a vocation.
3. It is always great to spend time with other Secular Franciscans.

If you could possibly attend the 4 P.M. Mass at St. Sebastian Parish, 260 Greenwood Ave. (between Mull and Jefferson Aves. In West Akron), it would be nice to meet with members of another Fraternity.

Any questions. Please call Theresa at 440-366-6745.



## Summer Seminar at St. Francis University



(left) The beautiful fountain of St. Francis and the children is on the commons of campus of St. Francis University .

Photos by Sandy Pollino



(Left )

a presentation on the Civil Rights Movement in the United States and the involvement of Secular Franciscans. The Seculars were very active on this issue. in the United States.



We had a wonderful time there and are already looking forward to next year.

Consider attending this gathering. The campus is so peaceful and away from the world. It is a wonderful way to meet other Secular Franciscans, and it is a learning experience. Note: registration is limited to 100 attendees. Housing is a campus dorm.

(l-r) Sandy Pollino, Joanne Angeletti, Donna Gluvna, Kathleen Collins (both with Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity) during a break between talks. The background is part of the campus of St. Francis University.

### *A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States*

William Wicks, OFS

Bill Wicks, a former National Minister, has spent years putting together a very comprehensive history of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States. It is done in four books—but don't let that dissuade you, it is pretty easy reading. Every Secular Franciscan should look at these books and learn where we have been, what we have done, and what we have built upon.

These books are available from :

Smokey Valley Printing	phone 785-227-2364
P.O. Box89	FAX 785-227-3360
Lindsborg, KS 67456-0189	

## *Fraternity Elections*

During our July gathering we had elections for the Fraternity Council with Dennis Ross, OFS, Regional Vice-Minister, to oversee our elections.

There was an excellent turnout of members for the election. Every active-professed member, less one, was present. For some of the members it was difficult for them to attend the gathering due to caring for others and health issues—but they made it. The only Professed member not able to be present was Ruth Older who was ill.

Deacon Fred & Joyce Browne were present (and we were thrilled to see them). It was wonderful to have so many members present for this important gathering.

All of the members of the Fraternity Council were re-elected: Kenny Green, Minister, Pepe Ventosa, Vice-Minister, Bill Marshall, Treasurer, Bob Burtscher, Councilor & Archivist, Elizabeth Francis, Secretary. Debbie Ventosa was re-appointed the Formation Director.

## The Little Portion

Food from the Fraternity Picnic will be given for the Little Portion for the month of July. Our offering will be delivered by Kenny. Thank you for all the continued support for this ministry, for those who prepare the food and those who deliver the gifts.

If anyone would like to help deliver our offerings, please check with Kenny, Bill or Pepe. Perhaps you could ride along first and then make a decision about assisting with the deliveries.

Thank you to everyone participates in this ministry, those who prepare the offering and those who deliver the gifts. Small religious items, such as holy cards, may also be put in the Little Portion. In cold weather often gloves, scarves and even small fleece blankets my be added.

*“What you do for the least of my people you do for Me.”*

## Food Pantry Donations

Donations for a Food Pantry in August will be taken to St. Francis de Sales Parish. As with most food pantries non-perishable items are always needed, such as canned good, pastas, sauces, soups and easy to prepare items.

In the summer time the need for donations is even greater than the rest of the year. Many children were able to receive breakfast, lunch and a snack after school during the academic year. In the summer time that safety net is absent, putting a greater strain of food pantries. If you ever volunteered at a food pantry you heard some very sad stories, and seen tears shed as people had to come for help, those who never needed help before, and even those who had volunteered at food pantries themselves in the past.

Most pantries will also take personal hygiene products and cleaning products. Even if people receive food stamps (which usually are not enough to feed the family for an entire month), taxable items may not be purchased with food stamps. If you shop carefully, watch for sales and use coupons, it may allow you enough in your budget to give a little extra to those who have very little, but need a lot.

*Please bring your gifts to the Fraternity Picnic.* Thank you for all your assistance in helping to care for those in need.



# Miscellaneous Information

## Birthdays

Dorothy Takacs, OFS	8/2
Monica Richards	8/4
Debbie Ventosa, OFS	8/6
Mary Wagner, OFS	8/14

Our Fraternity Wake Service the Fraternity Website.

<http://home.catholicweb.com/stfrancescabriniofs/index.cfm/NewsItem?ID=350012&From-Home>

## Profession Anniversaries

Bob Burtscher , OFS	17 yrs
Deanna Hurley, OFS	17 yrs
Carol Perrine, OFS	16 yrs
Ruth Older, OFS	12 yrs
Mary Wagner, OFS	8 yrs

**OOPS!**

If the editor has missed your birthday or your profession anniversary, please let her know. Some of the records are a bit incomplete and need to be corrected. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in this matter.

Is there something you would like to see in this newsletter? Or perhaps something you want to share? Please contact the editor. Please note that the Fraternity Council always reserves the right to screen and accept/reject articles for publication.

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Please feel free to contact any council member if you have any questions or concerns.

## Picnic Time

Don't forget the Fraternity Picnic to be held on Sunday 18 August 2013. It will start at 1:30 P.M. We will gather at the picnic pavilion at St. Nicholas Byzantine Church. This is a very nice site; we have had our Fraternity Picnic there before.

This is a "covered dish" picnic. Chicken and table service will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring food to share. If you have a game for the picnic, bring that along, too. Members of St. Joseph Fraternity, Dover, Eucharistic Fraternity, Canton and St. Joseph Fraternity, Green Springs have all been invited to the festivities.

NOTE We need to know how many will be attending so all the chicken can be ordered, etc.