



# THE ST. ANTHONY FRATERNITY NEWSLETTER

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## PAPAL SUMMIT ON THE ABUSED

The papal summit on clergy abuse has concluded in Rome. Let us pray that whatever the leaders gathered with Pope Francis will further promote the cleansing of this scourge from the Church and restore healing to the victims. Let us all do our part in working for the protection of children not only in the Church but throughout our society where children's innocence is robbed early in their lives. Here is a prayer to Christ Crucified you may wish to use:

*Lord Jesus, You hung upon the wood of the Cross, uniting yourself to every possible human suffering and forgiving every possible sin. We pray that by your infinite mercy You bring great comfort and consolation to all those who have suffered abuse from clergy; and strengthen in faith all those who have been scandalized by these egregious offenses. Lord Jesus, we suffer with You, we grieve with You, we agonize with You and we share in the betrayal You experienced. For all those who have been hurt by these unspeakable crimes and sickening actions, grant that they would never leave You, O Jesus. Give them the courage to cling to You in their woundedness, and to find strength to forgive through the power of your cross. During this great moment of suffering within the Church, give your beloved people the light of your Holy Spirit, that we may be filled with hope and work for a deep renewal and purification of your Church. We ask this through the maternal Heart of Mary, our Mother, who faithfully stayed by your cross. Like her, may we always remain hopeful of the ultimate victories You accomplished through suffering. By your wounds we are healed.*

**AMEN**



## SAF GATHERING RECAP

In 1905, **Albert Einstein** developed the complex theory of relativity. His equation ( $E=MC^2$ ) states, a mass (M) can be converted into an amount of energy (E), where  $C^2$  is the speed of light squared. During the spiritual part of our February Fraternity Gathering, we pondered and discussed a unique "spiritual" formula for "total Secular Franciscan conversion" promoted by **Deacon Tom Bello, OFS** in his book "For All the Saints: St. Francis's Five Point Plan for Salvation". His formula was: "**Conversion times Three**" (or **Total C = C times 3**). The term "conversion" is defined by the Gospel as "a radical daily change of our thoughts and deeds to those of Christ". As Secular Franciscans, we are called to pursue especially during Lent: **(1)** our own personal conversion, **(2)** conversion of our fraternity, and **(3)** conversion of the world that we live in. Many thanks to **Gerry Rohrkemper, OFS** who effectively led our Conversion times Three session. Our guest for this Gathering was **Frances Cunzeman** who recently moved from out of state to St. Bernadette Parish. She was referred to SAF by Father Chris.



## NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

**MARCH FRATERNITY GATHERING HOMEWORK:** Read and reflect on Deacon Tom Bello's book "For All the Saints: St. Francis's Five Point Plan for Salvation", session entitled "**Being the Merciful Presence of God**" (pages 35 - 40). Be prepared to discuss the "**Reflection Questions**" (page 41).

## HOLY LIFE, HOLY DEATH: A LOOK BACK AT SOLANUS CASEY

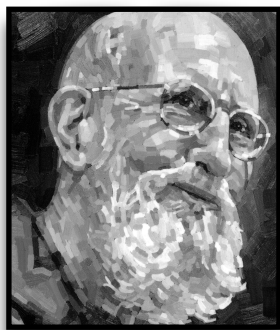
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Throughout his life, but especially, as one would expect, toward the end, **Blessed Solanus Casey's, O.F.M.Cap** thoughts turned more and more to death and to how life relates to death. His statements on this subject show a remarkable familiarity, even friendliness, with death, which well reflect the words of his spiritual father **Saint Francis of Assisi**, who prayed in his *Canticle of Brother Sun*, **“Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.”**

“Many are the rainbows,” Solanus wrote in a letter to his brother Edward, “the sunbursts, the gentle breezes—and the hailstorms we are liable to meet before, by the grace of God, we shall be able to tumble into our graves with the confidence of tired children into their places of peaceful slumber.”

He had written, **“Death can be beautiful...if we make it so.”** How? A passage from another letter answers this question: “Let us thank God ahead of time for whatever He foresees is pleasing to Him,... leaving everything at His divine disposal, including—with all its circumstances, when, where, and how—God may be pleased to dispose the events of our death.”

As he had throughout his whole life and ministry, Solanus was offering himself in order to bring others to God. His words sum up his life: “I looked on my whole life as giving, and I want to give until there is nothing left of me to give.



So I prayed that, when I come to die, I might be perfectly conscious, **so that with a deliberate act I can give my last breath to God.**”

God answered his prayer, for at the moment of his death, on July 31, 1957, Solanus suddenly opened his

eyes, reached out his arms and said: **“I give my soul to Jesus Christ.”** He died fifty-three years to the hour after his first Mass as a priest in Appleton, Wisconsin. **The perfect self-offering of his earthly life was complete.**

## “THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON: A STORY OF HOMECOMING”

This book is a very popular read during Lent and is written by **Henri J.M Nouwen**, a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian.



A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on a long spiritual adventure that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell.

In seizing the inspiration that came to him through Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story, Henri Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion. In his reflection on Rembrandt in light of his own life journey, the author evokes the powerful drama of the parable in a rich captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of the readers. **The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy or anger.** The challenge to love as the father and be loved as the son will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time, and in this inspiring book represented with a vigor and power, fresh for our times.

**From the author:** *“When, four years ago, I went to Saint Petersburg to see Rembrandt's painting, I had little idea how much I would have to live what I then saw. I stand in awe at the place where Rembrandt brought me. He led me from the kneeling, disheveled young son to the standing, bent-over old father, from the place of being blessed to the place of blessing.*”

**As I look at my own aging hands, I know that they have been given to me to stretch out toward all who suffer, to rest upon the shoulders of all who come, and to offer the blessings that emerges from the immensity of God's love.”**



## MOTHER MARY ANGELA LETTER

**December 2, 2018**

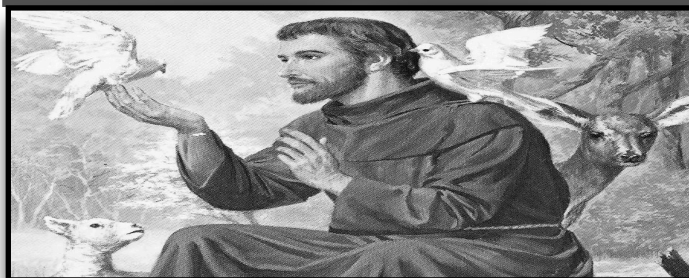
As we look toward tomorrow's feast of the Holy Family within this holy Christmas season, we promised special prayers for your families and loved ones. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless each dear one with a share in their own love, patience and gracious courtesy which made their home in Nazareth an outpost of heaven and earth. Through their constant intercession, may your homes be havens where love prevails. That may be a demanding ideal, but you have the added strength that comes from your Secular Franciscan profession to help you excel in virtue and Christian living. Your Poor Clare sisters are praying that the abundant graces of this Christmastide will fortify your resolve for the New Year ahead and deepen your trust in God's love and power at work in your lives.

We are celebrating the Nativity with added joy in our ever-expanding Franciscan family. Two young sisters in our daughter house monasteries professed first vows just before opening of the Church's advent season. A new novice was clothed in holy habit a month before, receiving the beautiful name Sister Marie Cecilia of the Word of God. In recent years, so many young women have embraced the cloistered contemplative vocation that our eldest daughter house in Barhamsville, Virginia is currently expanding the novitiate section of their monastery in order to accommodate them. The generosity, enthusiasm, and dedication to be found among our Catholic youth constitute a precious treasure for the Church, suffering so greatly in these times. Certainly our vocation of prayer and penance, offered in reparation and intercession, is urgently needed. God bless you for helping us to continue this mission within the Church, and for sharing in it so fully through your Gospel vocation lived as witnesses to the world. May the Holy Child be your year-round joy as you reflect His joy and light!

*Mother Mary Angela, PCC (abbess)*

## Financial Statements for Jan./Feb. 2019

	JAN.	FEB.
<b>MONTHLY DONORS</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Regular Contributions</b>	<b>\$1,050.00</b>	<b>\$560.00</b>
<b>Endowment Interest</b>	<b>78.84</b>	<b>81.21</b>
<b>Exceptional Income</b>		
<b>Color Printing Donation</b>	<b>122.26</b>	
<b>Raffle Tickets</b>	<b>86.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,337.10</b>	<b>\$641.21</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITED</b>	<b>\$1,337.10</b>	<b>\$641.21</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>RECURRING EXP.</b>		
<b>Spiritual Asst. Stipend</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Council Admin. Supplies</b>		
<b>Formation</b>		
<b>Newsletter Supplies/ Printing</b>	<b>122.26</b>	<b>14.37</b>
<b>Newsletter Postage</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>44.00</b>
<b>Poor Clares Donation</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>Franciscan Friars Donation</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Fair Share to Regional</b>		<b>2,800.00</b>
<b>Contingency Transfer</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Subtotal Recurring Expenses</b>	<b>387.26</b>	<b>3,108.37</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$387.26</b>	<b>\$3,108.37</b>
<b>BEGIN. BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,605.40</b>	<b>\$6,555.24</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$6,555.24</b>	<b>\$4,088.07</b>
<b>CONTINGENCY FUND</b>	<b>\$1,711.75</b>	<b>\$1,761.89</b>



## March/April SAF Calendar

<b>Mar 3</b>	Candidacy Class	<b>Rena's Home</b>	<b>1:00-3:00 pm</b>
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>ABP*</b>	<b>9:00-12:00pm</b>
<b>Mar 24</b>	Candidacy Class	<b>ABP*</b>	<b>12:30-2:00pm</b>
<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>FRATERNITY GATHERING (ABP*) 2:00-5:00pm</b> <b>(St. Martin's Hope Works: Donate travel size shampoo, soap, socks, deodorant, women's tampons, etc</b>		
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>ABP*</b>	<b>9:00-12:00pm</b>
<b>Apr 7</b>	Candidacy Class	<b>Rena's Home</b>	<b>1:00-3:00 pm</b>
<b>Apr 28</b>	Candidacy Class	<b>ABP*</b>	<b>12:30-2:00pm</b>
<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>FRATERNITY GATHERING (ABP*) 2:00-5:00pm</b> <b>(CFR Clothing Donations: See below)</b>		

**ABP: "A Becoming Place", 1350 Lakeview SW, Albuquerque 87105**

### Hospitality Assignments

<b>March 24</b>	4	<b>Marilyn, Israela, Luciana Gerry, Laura and Tony</b>
<b>Apr 28</b>	1	<b>Ernestine, Connie Jo, Tommie, Gina, Clare, Bill, Adrian</b>
<b>May 19</b>	2	<b>Abraham, Ed &amp; Carol Ann, Margaret, Rex, Felis</b>

### CFR CLOTHING DONATION NEEDS:

**Men's Clothing:** (1) T-shirts, plain without words or images (sizes L and XL; new or used if clean and in good condition) (2) Underwear, size L (new only) **Women Clothing:** (1) T-shirts (sizes L and XL; new or used if clean) (2) underwear; sizes 7,8,9 (new only)

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:



<b>Charles Johnson</b>	<b>Mar 6</b>
<b>John Fishel</b>	<b>Mar 28</b>

### WE PRAY FOR:

Isadore (Alcarea Valdez's son), Marilyn Migliarini, Marge Armijo, Margaret Martinez, Maria Lucero (Frances' mother), Ernestine Sedillo, Tommie Page and her daughters (Nanette and Stephanie). Jeannette Feldman, Connie Jo Martinez, Elizabeth Chavez, Barbara Heilman, Art and Erma Lente, Eva Bevington, John and Nancy Fishel, Linda and her family, Kevin, Derek Kolb, Cheryl Thomas (Br. Gordon's sister), Clare Domenici and Karen Fellner's sister.

### For the repose of the

**souls of:** Pedro Padilla (Frances' nephew) Winifred Klimka, Cidro Gallegos (Rena's brother), Dorothy Swanson, Minnie Vasquez (Espiritu Santo), Wilfred Otero, Arturo Olivas, Sen. Pete Domenici (Clare's father), and Harry (Connie Jo Martinez's husband).



### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph is known as the Patron Saint for a Happy Death, since it is believed that he had the privilege of dying in the loving presence of Jesus and Mary. The following Prayer to St. Joseph is for a Happy Death:

*O Glorious St. Joseph, I choose you today for my special patron in life and at the hour of my death. Preserve and increase in me the spirit of prayer and fervor in the service of God. Remove far from me every kind of temptation. Pray for me that I may not die until I have time to confess my sins sacramentally. Help me to express sorrow for my sins with a most sincere and perfect contrition, in order that I may breathe forth my soul into the hands of Jesus and Mary.*

**AMEN**

## ST. JOSEPH, FOSTER FATHER AND LOVING HUSBAND



St. Joseph of the House of David was the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus the Christ. God entrusted his two greatest treasures, Jesus and Mary, to the care and protection of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was the foster-father of Jesus and

along with the Virgin Mary spent the most earthly hours with Jesus during his childhood. **The most reliable information on St. Joseph is from the Infancy Narratives of the Gospels of Saints Matthew and Luke.**

Joseph was betrothed to Mary, but before they came together, she was with child by the Holy Spirit. Being a "just man" and unwilling to put her to shame, he planned to send her away quietly. But he was warned in a dream by an angel of the Lord: "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (**Matthew 1:18-21**).

While his family was originally from Bethlehem, St. Joseph settled in Nazareth where he was a carpenter by trade (**Matthew 13:55**). He took Mary his espoused wife from Nazareth to Bethlehem for a census where she delivered the baby Jesus. Following the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi, Joseph was again warned in a dream by an angel of the Lord to escape the wrath of Herod; he took the Holy Family on the Flight to Egypt. They stayed there until the death of Herod, when Joseph was again directed in a dream by an angel of the Lord to leave Egypt, avoid Judea, and return to Nazareth (**Matthew 2:19-23**).

When Jesus was twelve years old, his parents took him to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and, after missing



him for three days, they found him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. Mary was astonished and said to him, "Your father and I have been looking for you." Jesus answered, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He was obedient to them and returned to Nazareth. "And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man" (**Luke 2:48-52**).

Joseph is referenced in relation to Jesus in **John 1:45**, when Philip found Nathanael and told him: "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the Law, and also the prophets, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." He is also referenced in **John 6:42** in relation to Jesus: "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?"

Jesus was obedient to Joseph, his Guardian on earth (**Luke 2:51**). Does not Jesus Christ in Heaven also listen to any request that St. Joseph makes of Him? For that reason, St. Joseph is valued as a Patron Saint for many causes. It has been claimed by many, such as St. Teresa of Avila and the Carmelites, that prayers of petition to St. Joseph to intercede with Our Lord have been answered.

**The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, is our best example of a loving family. Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of Marriage.** Joseph listened to the angel and accepted his divine mission by taking Mary as his wife and becoming the foster-father of Jesus.

**Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, in *The World's First Love*, noted in a Chapter entitled "The World's Happiest Marriage," that "no husband or wife ever loved each other as much as Joseph and Mary," for they had a pure union of heart. And they lived in the presence of love itself, Jesus Christ!**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary serves as our model of love and mercy, who intercedes with her Son Jesus for us, her children on earth.**



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**St. Anthony of Padua**

We are the *Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis*  
(The Secular Franciscan Order) in the  
United States of America.

We live our vocation in  
our Lady of Guadalupe,

Empress of the Americas Region.

Our Franciscan Community is the St.  
Anthony Fraternity in Albuquerque, NM.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** We, the fraternity of St. Anthony, inspired by the vision of St. Francis, commit ourselves to the Gospel as our Way of Life: "Going from Gospel to Life and from Life to Gospel." We believe that we are called to fraternity to share a life of joy and peace as well as to draw our inspiration from the cross of Jesus as Francis did. We believe that we are called to be renewed continually through the celebration of the Eucharist and to go forth to rebuild the Church through our witness.