



## In the Footsteps of the Archangels September 29th

It seems beyond us to even consider following the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael in their footprints. They had extraordinary missions in the life of God's people. They are the Angels at the throne of God, and as scripture points out, carry out the will of God. Their names indicate their missions and roles. Their names all end in "el", which means God. Michael, means, *who is like God*, Gabriel, *God's Power*, and Raphael, *God's Doctor*. Created by God, they are significant servants and messengers for God. Michael is the Divine Protector, Gabriel is the Divine Messenger, and Raphael is the Divine Healer. The archangels are committed to serve God and His people in ways that are close to their nature. As we are created a little less than the Angels, we too have a nature as a creation of God. We also have missions in life to bring about the Kingdom of God, for the better.

We have been given charisms by the grace of our Baptism to carry out missions and messages to others for their good will. And we can share this with others.

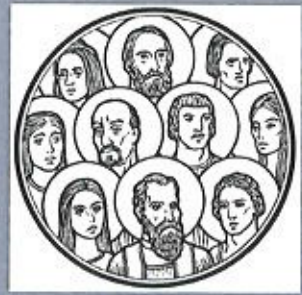
- How are you living out your nature as a child of God?
- What gifts to do you have and how do you share them to protect, share God's message, and comfort those who are in need?
- How are you following the heavenly footsteps of the Archangels, as they serve God, and His people?

Call upon the Archangels for assistance in your needs, and example to carry out your mission in God's Kingdom.



## Church Calendar September 2022

- 9/3 Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- 9/8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9/9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest
- 9/13 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 9/15 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 9/17 Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis
- 9/21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 9/23 Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, OFM
- 9/24 Finding the Body of Saint Clare in 1850
- 9/27 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
- 9/29 Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- 9/30 Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church



## Minister's Message



Greetings to my sisters and brothers, September marks the month of the Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi. If we stop to meditate about this feast and what it means to us as Franciscans, no doubt we might feel a little afraid of asking Jesus to help us walk in his footsteps. Receiving the stigmata was probably painful for St. Francis. Painful physically – but as Brother Gordon has mentioned before – it was probably a joyful experience for Francis. When we ask for God to make us strong and to make us holy, do we do it with the intensity and longing that St. Francis did? What is holding us back? What are we afraid of? As Franciscans, we must remove all barriers of doubt and fear when we ask for God's will to be done. It is not easy...but it is a process. Come Holy Spirit. As a Fraternity, I pray that we can all strengthen each other and help each other to be holy. I pray that we can gradually and with sincere hearts strengthen our resolve to become a reflection of Christ to everyone we encounter. May we dare to ask to be joined to Christ in suffering and in joy no matter the cost. May we be fearless and strong in welcoming the suffering and joy that will come to us throughout our lives. Heavenly Father, Make us strong. Heavenly Father, Make us Holy. AMEN

Your servant and sister,  
Israela



For all the Saints:  
St. Francis's  
Five Point  
Plan for  
Salvation

And Other Spiritual, Practical and Personal Reflections for Information, Formation and Transformation in the Order of the Franciscan Order

### ONGOING FORMATION

1. **Overview of "Bearers of Peace"**  
pp 43-46
2. **Praying the Third Decade of each Mystery for the good of our Order**  
pp 49-51
3. **We will also have a study and discussion about the Stigmatization of St. Francis.**



### MESSAGE/GREETINGS Gigi Gregory, OFS Regional Vice-Minister

My dearest Brothers and Sisters I pray you are all well and those that came down with Covid, I hope you all are on your way to a full recovery. I truly enjoyed seeing, visiting, and participating at the "Q". I was happily named the facilitator for one of the "Little Fraternities". There were 5 sisters that gathered with me for three days. We shared our feelings on reflections we were given and also shared about our journey to become professed as Franciscans. We also had a chance to share about our families. I will never forget my talks with Bishop John Stowe, OFM (top right). As a matter of fact, other members of my fraternity #106 Mary Immaculate had an opportunity to share some time with Bishop John. He was our Spiritual Assistant for 15 years! We were blest with his teachings and knowledge. I was able to sit for one of the dinners with our CIOFS Minister General, Tibor Kauser, OFS and Mary Stronach, OFS, the newly elected CIOFS Vice-Minister General. I also enjoyed the company of Willie Guadalupe, OFS, NAFRA International Councilor and Layna Maher, OFS, NAFRA Formation Commission (middle right). I almost wished I had an autograph book! The breakout sessions were wonderful! I was given the opportunity to present at the Immigration breakout session (bottom right). All in all it was a thrill to be part of the "Q", I pray to be able to attend the next one with my brothers and sisters.

God Bless you all, Gigi Regional Vice-Minister



**From the Q, from left to right:**  
Lisa Trujillo, National Minister Jan Parker,  
International Minister Tibor Kauser, OFS,  
and Adrian Montoya, OFS



# Formation



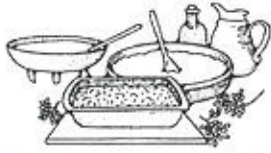
## Initial Formation/Candidacy

October 8th, Fraternities:  
Gathering as One  
October 29th, Servant  
Leadership

### Hospitality Group September 25th

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Ed & Carol Ann 505-898-7338,  
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Consuelo 505-917-1321

Thank you for your hospitality,  
remember to set up early, and stay long  
enough to clean up.



Israela 6th, Ernestine 6th,  
Clare 7th, Connie 8th, Marilyn 11th

THE EXTENSION OF PIO'S PERSONALITY  
CAUSED ANGELIC BI-LOCATION ANXIETY



Guests, at our August Gathering, with  
Brother Gordon, are from left to right.  
Ann Sims, Geri Blanco, Lisa Barczak,  
and Lisa Trujillo. Joshua Garcia also  
joined us, and not pictured.



Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Roswell, NM  
Peace and blessings – July 5, 2022



Our dear Friends,

Today we are honoring an exemplary Secular Franciscan, St. Elizabeth of Portugal. Father Larry Bernard, O.F.M., was eloquent in her praise during this morning's homily, explaining how fully she lived the Franciscan mission to bring "pax et bonum," "peace and good" to all those blessed by her gracious and beneficent influence.

A distinguished member of a royal family, she was also related to your O.F.S. patroness, Elizabeth of Hungary, a connection that reveals to us the important role that family can play in spiritual formation and growth in holiness. We are praying for all your families, begging for God's blessings upon each one and for the light of the Spirit to illumine paths of peace for you.

God has led our Sister Mary Anthony along paths of peace during her sixty years of vows as a Poor Clare nun. Her example of trust and fidelity, throughout a long and eventful spiritual journey, is an inspiration for all of us. A native of Sri Lanka, she helped to establish a new foundation of the Poor Clare Order in Australia; and served there with sacrificial generosity for more than half a century before joining us in our desert monastery half a world away. May the Spirit who guided her also lead you forward, and bless and reward you for your faith-filled support of your Poor Clare sisters!

Gratefully, in Our Lady of Guadalupe,



Your Poor Clare nuns

### **The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi: September 17th**

Authorized by Pope Paul V, September 17th is the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi, a feast day celebrated within the Franciscan communities.

Stigmata, from the Greek word, generically points to a "brand" or a "mark." It is the common word to describing branding of cattle. In the Christian context it refers to the bodily marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ. St. Francis was the first person, historically recorded, who bore the marks of the crucified Christ in his hands, his feet, and in his side.

The feast is a reminder of the power of love, as seen in the opening prayer for the festal Mass:

**"Lord Jesus Christ, who reproduced in the flesh of the most blessed Francis, the sacred marks of your own sufferings, so that in a world grown cold our hearts might be filled with burning love of you, graciously enable us by his merits and prayers to bear the cross without faltering and to bring forth worthy fruits of penitence: You who are God, living and reigning with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen."**



## August Gathering

We gathered as St Anthony Fraternity on August 28, 2022, at "A Becoming Place" (For those OFS members who have not been here, it is a beautiful place you may want to call and visit).

Our gathering started with an awesome evening prayer celebrating St Clare of Assisi. Using the theme of St Clare our ongoing formation focused on "Gazing on an Icon". In one of St Clare's letters to St Agnes of Prague, St Clare



shares the Franciscan prayer tradition below:

- o **Gaze: to look at with loving attention.**
- o **Meditate: thoughtfully consider.**
- o **Contemplate: oneness with, listening/openness.**
- o **Imitate: become what you contemplate.**



We discussed praying with our eyes open. Gazing on an Icon or image of Jesus, Mary or a Saint or on an event during our meditation. By gazing in prayer, we become one with what we gaze upon, thus developing a deep relationship with the subject of the Icon. Praying with our eyes open (gazing) we begin to see with the eyes of Jesus and become more like Him.

We also discussed the feast of Our Lady of Angels of the Portiuncula celebrated August 2nd here in the United States. An important feast for all Our Franciscan Family. The Portiuncula was the third church that St Francis restored. He gave it the name Portiuncula which means "The Little Portion". The Portiuncula was St Francis' favorite church, this is where St Clare received her first vows and where St Francis chose to be taken to meet his sister's death. St Francis lived in this church as he repaired it and loved it because of his great love for Mary the Virgin Mother of God. He decided to stay at this church because of his reverence for the Angels. He highly recommended the Portiuncula to his Friars because it was most dear to Our Blessed Mother who made the Lord our Majesty our Brother. St Francis had a great devotion to the Holy Land and went on pilgrimage there. He was aware that most people were not able to make a dangerous pilgrimage (during his time pilgrimages were done on foot through the wilderness), so he asked Pope Honorius III to grant a plenary indulgence to those who made a pilgrimage to Santa Maria degli Angeli of the Portiuncula in lower Assisi. His request was granted and has been extended to any of us who visit a Franciscan church or chapel on the August 2nd feast (this indulgence is granted by fulfilling the usual conditions for an indulgence). Brother Gordon gave us a brief history on indulgences. As we closed our fraternity meeting, we shared our experiences regarding our 20TH Quinquennial Congress.

Among the experiences shared by those who attended the Quinquennial were the following:

- o The fellowship with our OFS brothers and sisters of like mind and spirit.
- o The experience of the daily Masses at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Phoenix, Arizona, with the beautiful Organ music.
- o The experience of having a Deaf Priest celebrate the mass in American Sign Language.
- o The experience of forming new bonds with Franciscans of diverse languages and backgrounds.
- o The varied workshops including a workshop on how to start a Youth Franciscan group.
- o The meeting of our Regional, National and International OFS Councils.
- o Meeting friends from previous Quinquennial Congresses and Fraternity memberships.
- o The enjoyment of the Mini Franciscan Mall with unique Tau crosses and books



Financial Statement	May 2022	June 2022
Number of donors	10	9
Regular Contributions	525.00	385.00
Endowment Interest	50.57	52.25
Exceptional Income Our Lady of Guadalupe Region	20.00	2000.00
Formation Books Sold	8.00	30.00
Subtotal E.I.	28.00	2000.00
Total Income	603.57	2469.25
Total Deposited (Checking Acct.)	603.57	2469.25
<b>RECCURING EXPENSES</b>	<b>:-)</b>	<b>:-)</b>
Spiritual Assistant Stipend	75.00	75.00
Formation Books		144.00
Newsletter Expenses		25.25
Newsletter Postage		34.80
P.O. Box Fee	232.00	540.00
Poor Clares Donation	75.00	75.00
Franciscan Friars Donation	50.00	50.00
Contingency Fund Transfer to Savings	50.00	50.00
Subtotal Recurring Expenses	482.00	994.05
Picnic Paper Goods/Subtotal Exceptional Expenses		122.41
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>482.00</b>	<b>1116.46</b>
<b>CONTINUED...</b>	<b>:-)</b>	<b>:-)</b>

Cont.	May	June
Beginning Balance (Checking Account)	4272.00	4393.57
Ending Balance (Checking Account)	4393.57	5706.25
Beginning Balance	3677.02	3727.02
Transfer from Expenses	50.00	50.00
Earned Dividends		.31
<b>TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND</b>	<b>3727.02</b>	<b>3777.33</b>

*Thank  
you!*

# MARIAN CELEBRATIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER



Most Holy Name of Mary  
Sept. 12



Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sept. 08



Our Lady of Sorrows  
of Turamba  
Sept. 18



Our Lady of Sorrows  
Sept. 15



Our Lady of  
La Salette  
Sept. 19



Our Lady of Mercy  
Sept. 24



Mary, Under  
of Knocks  
Sept. 26



Our Lady Star  
of the Sea  
Sept. 27





**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

**In RECOGNITION OF 50+ YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION**

St. Anthony #101 – Albuquerque, NM R. Lente, OFS-October 22,1945

Santa Isabel de Hungria #114 – Las Cruces, NM Carmen Lopez, OFS – October 3, 1956 Mary Immaculate

#106 – El Paso, TX St. Francis #121 – Santa Fe, NM Ann Brennan, OFS – November 17, 1965 Jeanette

Becker, OFS – November 1, 1965 Ida Pacheco, OFS – November 14, 1971



Arthur Lente, OFS  
& Irma Lente, OFS



Repose of the  
Soul of Queen  
Elizabeth II

**OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, EMPRESS OF THE AMERICAS REGION #75 August 30, 2022**

Dear brothers and sisters, May the Lord give you peace! The Regional Fraternity Council was asked by NAFRA that at the moment we are due for a Visitation instead of the Elections that we had previously mentioned. The dates are still the same and the location will also remain the same. We are asking

Visitation date and location are: Holiday Inn El Paso West-

**Sunland Park 900 Sunland Park Drive El Paso, TX 79922 Friday - Sunday, September 16- 18, 202**

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### Our Mission

We, the Fraternity of St. Anthony, inspired by the vision of St. Francis, commit our lives to the Gospel, as our way of life; going from "Gospel to life and 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 we are called to be renewed continually through the celebration of the Eucharist and to go forth and rebuild the Church through our witness.