



St. Anthony Fraternity Newsletter

November 2023

Four Candidates Make a Permanent Commitment to the Gospel Life



Father Ron Walters, OFM, presided at the Profession of Stanley Robb and Rebecca Griego of the St. Francis Fraternity, and Adrian Montoya and Felicie Truscio of the St. Anthony Fraternity. Brother Gordon, OFM, Spiritual Assistant, Mary Dean, Minister, St. Francis Fraternity and Israela Garcia, Minister, St. Anthony, sponsors, and guests witnessed this special ceremony and celebration on October 22, 2023.

Father Walters: . . . *“Do you wish to embrace the gospel way of life by following the example and words of St. Francis, which are the heart of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order?”*

All Candidates: *“Yes, This is What I want.” . . .*

Formation Calendar

Fraternity Gathering

Sunday, Nov. 19 1:00 pm
Zoom - Christmas at Greccio
Franciscan Centenaries

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Inquirers' Formation

Nov. 4 - Identity of a Secular
 Franciscan

Nov. 17 - Nature of the OFS
 Part 1

Dec. 2 - Nature of the OFS
 Part 2



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November Birthdays

Dolores Cortez - Nov. 4

Socorro Romero - Nov. 14

thanks to

all for

bringing

food to our

november table of plenty

pot luck! A-K -Desserts

L-R - Main Dish

S-Z - Salad/Side Dish



Happy Thanksgiving

Two-Month Financial Statement 2023	SEPT	OCT
Monthly Donors	14	13
INCOME		
Regular Contributions	334.00	575.00
Endowment Interest	87.40	84.59
Exceptional Income (Donations: Retreat, Profession Food, Santa Fe/ Other, Profession Program	20.00	200.00 700.00 150.00 100.00
Subtotal for Exceptional Income	20.00	1150.00
TOTAL INCOME	441.40	1809.59
Transfer from Savings		
TOTAL DEPOSITED (Checking Acct.)	441.40	1178.59
EXPENSES		
Recurring Expenses		
Spiritual Asst. Stipend	100.00	100.00
Council Admin, Supplies		19.95
Formation Expenses	38.34	
Newsletter: Supplies and Printing	17.60	
Newsletter Postage		132.00
Poor Clare's Donation	100.00	100.00
Franciscan Friars Donation	75.00	75.00
Regional Fair Share		
Contingency Fund Transfer to Savings	50.00	50.00
Subtotal Recurring Expenses	380.94	476.95
EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES: Retreat Donations	356.32	200.00
SFO Profession Food		200.00
Profession Food Donations		700.00
Priest Stipend		150.00
Hall Donation		150.00
Music Fee		100.00
Subtotal Exceptional Expenses	356.32	1600.00
Total Expenses	737.26	2076.95
Beginning Balance (Checking Acct.)	7513.97	7318.11
Ending Balance (Checking Acct.)	7318.11	7050.75
Contingency Fund: Beginning Balance	3849.84	3900.95
Transfer from Expenses	50.00	50.00
Earned Dividend	1.11	
TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND	3900.95	3950.95



Candidates, sponsors, and Father Walters, OFM, prepare to process to the front of San Jose Church. Left to Right: Tommie Page, Sponsor, Felicie Truscio, Frances Lucero, Sponsor, Adrian Montoya.



Mary Dean, Minister, accepts the profession of Stanley Robb and Rebecca Griego and receives them into the St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order.



Israella Garcia, Minister, accepts the profession of Adrian Montoya and Felicie Truscio and receives them into the St. Anthony Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order.

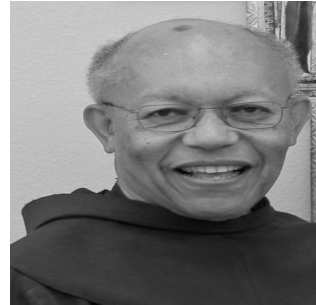


Congratulations!



Gerri Salazar, Mary Lou Narvaez, Frances Lucero, and Jeannette Schlicher serve guests a celebratory meal.

Spiritual Assistant's Message



Dearest sisters and brothers in St. Francis,
The Gospels of the “Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time” (Nov.12)* and the “Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Universe” (Nov. 21)** aren’t *that* dissimilar. In part, the former refers to the “Particular Judgement,” while the latter refers to the “Final Judgement.” Both are a reference to the “Free Will” we were each given at God’s “Breath of Life” into us. There are trillions of human souls that will precede us going to the “Judgement Seat of God” for our “Particular Judgement.”

At the great event of the cessation of space, time, and matter, will be the “Final Judgement.” (None of us will be here to experience it—at least in our present state.) What must be most important to each of us is our *personal* death. As Christian-Franciscans, we must not be concerned about “How much time do I have?” We have learned that we are to *live* ready—read Mk. 13:32. We have our Franciscan sisters and brothers to help us toward living a good life.

Also, the Liturgical Season of Advent is close at hand. As we prepare for the day of celebrating Christ’s nativity, the Franciscan Universe focuses on the Greccio event. The event that Francis inadvertently invented the nativity set (*crèche*). To commemorate this historical time, *Santa Chiarra* Fraternity 126 (Ruidoso, NM) is entering a float in the city’s “Parade of Lights.” We are warmly welcomed to take part in their entry.

But time is of the essence. The daughter of the Frat. Min. Has set aside a few rooms at the hotel which she works. These rooms are greatly discounted at \$50 per night (\$25 each for two, *etc.*) Since the parade is at 5 M Dec. 2nd, those going must arrive in the late morning or early afternoon of Sat., Dec. 2nd, and return to ABQ after breakfast/brunch on Sun., Dec 3rd. If interested, I have three or four spaces in my car. Hurry scurry!

In peace and all good things,

Br. Gordon, OFM
—Fraternity Spiritual Assistant

*Mat. 25: 1-13
**Mat. 25:31-46



For the health of: **Consuelo Chaves** as she recovers from quadruple bypass surgery. **Marilyn Migliarini** in her recovery. **Linda Williams** as she recovers from COVID. **Felis Otero-Armijo** on the death of her brother. **Linda Williams** on the death of her brother.



Minister's Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ and Francis,

This month is a time for remembering to give thanks. But, do we really need a reminder? The mere gift of waking up in the morning should prompt us to give thanks to God for the gift of another beautiful day. I would like to share with you a prayer that you can say in the morning:

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us – spiritual and temporal. Thank you for our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter and our health. Thank you for our families and friends and for showing us how to love one another.

Thank you for your mercy shown to us through the gift of our call to the Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis (OFS) and for the gift you have given us in our Seraphic Father, Francis.

*Dear Father, in your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year and every day of our life on earth. Help us to **remember** to be grateful and to thank you in every circumstance in our lives.*

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

I would like to thank both the St. Anthony and St. Francis Fraternities for all their hard work and preparation for the Mass and Ceremony of Profession. Thank you to our Poor Clare Sisters in Roswell for their prayers, to our Spiritual Assistant Brother Gordon, to our Celebrant Father Ron Walters, O.F.M. and to every single person that organized, helped and attended. We are BLESSED!!!

May God continue to bless us, may Mother Mary continue to protect us and may Father Francis continue to guide us.

Peace and all Good,

Your sis - Israela



Prayer Service for All Souls to be Held at the November Gathering

We gather to pray for our sisters and brothers who have gone before us this year. They have ended their service on earth and passed from death to new life in company with Christ. We pray that God may welcome them and shine His face upon them in with all the saints of heaven.

We bring our prayers to God as we remember those who have gone before us in eternal life:

We pray for all who experienced especially painful deaths, particularly victims of violence, natural disaster, and covid-19, may they be brought to rest in God's loving arms and the comfort of God's peace.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who died suddenly, unexpectedly, or at a young age. May they be comforted with the eternal happiness of God's tender gaze. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for those children who returned to God before having the opportunity to meet their parents in person. May God relish and delight in them, as their loved ones would have, and may God comfort those who feel the loss. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for the family and friends of the dead. As they struggle with the many faces of grief, may God grant them the courage to continue to work through it, and may they feel the love and support of their communities. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray in gratitude for the front-line caregivers and others in Catholic health care who passed away in service this past year. May we remember and emulate their selflessness, humility, and commitment to those who are ill. In your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for the medical teams, families, and others who care for the sick and dying. May they see the face of God in the people they care for. Give them the grace to accompany suffering with courage. Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend our brothers and sisters in the sure hope that together with all who have died in Christ, they shall rise with him on the last day.

We give thanks for the blessing of life which you bestowed upon them in this life; they are signs of your goodness and our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful God, turn toward us and listen to our prayers. Open the gates of heaven to your servants and help us who remain to be of comfort to one another. Help us to carry on in the good work we share until we all meet in Christ in your holy and eternal presence.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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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 Life to Gospel”. We believe that we are called to be renewed continually through the celebration of the Eucharist and go forth to rebuild the Church through our witness.

We are the Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis (The Secular 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 located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.