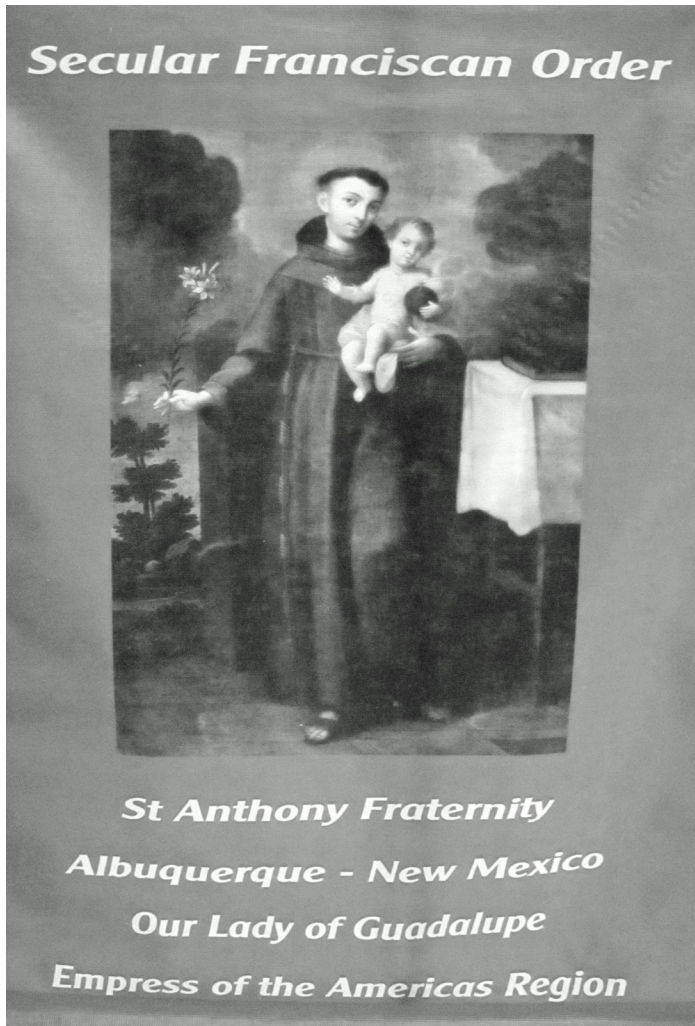




Celebrating Our Patron's Feast Day

On July 18, 1954, Our fraternity was canonically established as the St. Anthony Fraternity. On that date, St. Anthony officially became our Patron. We celebrate his feast day on June 13. How often do we invoke him when we lose our phone or keys, with the words: "St. Anthony, St. Anthony, please come around. Something is lost that needs to be found." We celebrate him as a Miracle Worker, as the Hammer of Heretics, and as a Doctor of the Church- - A Man of the Gospel. St. Anthony was born in Libson, Portugal in 1195 and lived most of his short life in Padua, Italy. A Franciscan for ten years, he died on June 13, 1231 at the age of 36.



In the booklet, Anthony Man of the Gospel, published in 1995 on the occasion of the eight centenary of the birth of St. Anthony, the Ministers General write about St. Anthony that he was called "not just to proclaim, explain and endorse the Gospel, but above all to live it as well and make it the norm of his life in the best tradition of Franciscan spirituality." The Ministers General further state, "He was a Franciscan who absorbed his Franciscanism primarily from living with the friars . . . "he discovered that the charism and ideal of Francis are incarnated in and enriched by sharing in the life of the fraternity."

In 1224 Francis, in a letter, gave Anthony his official investiture of teaching the friars sacred theology at Bologna . . . "so long as they do not extinguish the spirit of holy prayer and devotedness over this study as is ordained in the rule." Confirmation that Anthony was faithful to Francis' directive and in his preaching is found in a very short text written by Celano between 1228 and 1229. He wrote . . . " **Brother Anthony . . . He whose mind the Lord opened that he might understand the Scriptures and speak among all the people words about Jesus that were sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb.**"

St. Anthony was the first theologian of the Franciscan Order. Our patron lived the Franciscan life "from Gospel to life, and life to Gospel."

- ♦ "Do you want to have God always in your mind: Be just as he made you to be. Do not go seeking another 'you'."
- ♦ "The life of the body is the soul, the life of the soul is Christ." St. Anthony

Calendar of Events

Council Meeting - Fri. June 16,
10:00 am

Fraternity Gathering—Annual
Picnic and “Come and See”
Sun. June 25 2:00 pm

Formation Calendar

Inquiry Phase July 8 - Inquiry in
the OFS

July 22 - Lay Secular Spirituality

Candidate Phase

June 17 - Franciscan Theology &
Spirituality (session 1)

June 24 - Franciscan Theology &
Spirituality (session 2)

Food for the Picnic

**The Council will provide the Main
Dish. Please bring the following:**

A-G - Side Dish

H-M - Dessert

N-R - Fruit

S-Z - Drinks



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June Birthdays

- Victor Xuereb - June 10
- Elizabeth Chavez - June 12
- Nancy Fishel - June 12

Two-Month Financial Statement 2023		
	MARCH	APRIL
Monthly Donors	19	12
INCOME		
Regular Contributions	1163.00	605.00
Endowment Interest	47.22	52.26
Exceptional Income	65.00	55.00
Subtotal for Exceptional Income	65.00	55.00
TOTAL INCOME	1275.22	712.26
Transfer from Savings		
TOTAL DEPOSITED		712.26
EXPENSES		
Recurring Expenses:		
Spiritual Assistant Stipend	100.00	100.00
Council Administration Supplies	16.35	
Infirmarian Team (Misc. Exp.)		
Formation Expenses	57.00	
Newsletter Administration Supplies/Printing	33.96	8.80
Newsletter Postage	37.80	37.80
Website Fee		
Apostolate: Poor Clare's (Donation)	100.00	100.00
Apostolate: Franciscan Friar (Donation)	75.00	75.00
Fair Share to Regional		
Contingency Fund (Transfer to Savings)	50.00	50.00
Subtotal Recurring Expenses	470.11	371.60
EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES		
Subtotal Exceptional Expenses		
TOTAL EXPENSES	470.11	371.60
BEGINNING BALANCE	5373.38	6178.49
ENDING BALANCE	6178.60	6518.86
CONTINGENCY FUND		
Beginning Balance	3542.40	3593.34
Transfer from Expenses	50.00	50.00
Earned Dividend	.94	1.06
TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND	3593.34	3644.40

Notes from the May Gathering ***

May Crowning



Gerry Rohrkemper led the fraternity in praying the Franciscan Crown. They wove a crown for the Blessed Virgin Mary from the flowers of their prayers, saying one Our Father and ten Hail Mary's in honor of the seven joyous occasions in her life. After Gerry led the recitation of the first of the seven joys, the Annunciation; others followed, continuing to weave the crown with the joys of the Visitation, the Birth of Jesus, the Adoration of the Magi, the finding of Jesus in the Temple, the Resurrection of Our Lord, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The May Crowning concluded with the fraternity singing, "Hail Holy Queen".

On-going Formation

Rex Schlicher, Vice-Minister, began the formation session with some reflections on today's Feast of the Ascension. He stated that the apostles must have felt both joy and fear as they witnessed this event. Now it was they who were responsible for putting into place all that Jesus had commanded. They were to go and "teach all nations" with the promise that He would always be with them "until the end of the world."

Rex distributed the article by Father Ed Broom, OMV, "Ten Important Aspects of Saintliness". "Even the greatest saints were sinners," Rex said.

We read the article which outlined the ten important aspects of saintliness as follows: (1) Antithesis of Saintliness: Sin, (2) Prayer, (3) Humility, (4) Hunger for Holiness, (5) Charity, (6) Zeal for the Salvation of Souls, (7) Struggling Sinners Who Rise When They Fall, (8) Fervent Love for the Source of All Holiness: the Holy Eucharist, (9) Open and Docile to the Holy Spirit, (10) Mary and the Saints.

Each Table was assigned one of the aspects to discuss, along with answering the corresponding questions for reflection. Some of the questions were: *How do you respond to group pressure when your moral and ethical values are challenged? Should an extraordinarily good thing happen to you, do you give God the glory, or brush it off as "dumb luck" or just a "lucky break"? Do you strive to go to Confession on a regular basis? Are you open to "doing it God's way" or prefer "doing it your way" as your life unfolds?*

Our goal: to become saints and great saints!

Spiritual Assistant's Message * * *

Dearest sisters and brothers in St. Francis,

As is customary after the great solemnity of Easter Sunday, the following several weeks, collectively, remind us of the Great Blessings of our Christian Faith: Easter Divine Mercy Ascension Pentecost Trinity *Corpus Christi* and the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The beauty is that each of these solemnities intertwine in Seraphic complement to the great Solemnity of Easter. (“If Jesus is *not* risen from the dead, then our Faith is [absolutely unredemptive].”—1 Cor. 15:14; 18.

Keeping the Eucharist in mind as we practice the Franciscan prayer form of *Leccio/Lectio Divina* is of daily benefit. If one is only able to participate in *Sunday* worship, the prayer challenges and comforts us toward the Franciscan ideal of connectedness—selfless fraternity.

Recall, too, what Francis commented about the Holy Spirit; “The Holy Spirit is the *true* Minister of the Order.” Thank the Lord that our fidelity to the Order blesses us with trust and humility.

As we phase into the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time, may we correct ourselves from thinking that our Faith could *ever* be humdrum or boring. ¡Aleluya! Viva, Cristo Rey! ¡Aleluya!

In peace and goodwill,

Br. Gordon, O.F.M.

— Prov.-Rgn'l. Spiritual Assistant



**St Anthony , Pray for
those of us who have
lost... Our health, Our
peace of mind or spirit,
The friendship of God,
A loved one by death,**

**Our dreams, Our faith, Our self-respect,
Peace within our families, Our trust in others
Our independence, Our initial zeal, Our financial security.**



**Welcome Back Abraham Placencio!
After a difficult and long recovery from an
automobile accident, Abraham joined us at the
May Fraternity Gathering.**

Minister's Message



CEREMONY OF WELCOMING



On Sunday, June 25, 2023, the Fraternity will officially welcome, offer prayers, encouragement and support to our new

members: **Lisa Barczak, Geri Blanco, Reina Romero, Ann Sims, Martha Ramirez, and Lisa Trujillo** as their initial formation begins in the Inquiry Phase on their Pathway to Profession to become Secular Order Franciscans. **Rena Xuereb**, Formation Director, will conduct the Ceremony of Welcome.



- ◆ May Our Lord give comfort and courage to **Ernestine Sedillo** and her family as they deal with the total loss of their home due to fire. (On June 25, we will receive donations on her behalf.)
- ◆ For the health of **Connie Jo Martinez, Elizabeth Chavez, Lydia Wroten, Barbara Heilman**
- ◆ For the response of the soul of **Fred Bates**, former minister of the St. Anthony Fraternity

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I pray for each and every one of our dear Franciscan brothers and sisters. This month gives us an opportunity to gaze into the heart of Jesus and find a place of rest and peace. In His heart we are surrounded with mercy, peace and love. It is our call to share these charisms with our families, friends and the world by our witness in the way we live our lives.

We will have an opportunity to do just that at our "Come and See" as we introduce St. Francis and our Secular Franciscan Order to visitors during our annual picnic in honor of our patron, St. Anthony of Padua. The picnic is on Sunday, June 25 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Our Fraternity Council encourages every member to bring a guest for fellowship and refreshment. If you cannot bring a guest, please pass on the invitation to anyone you think might be curious about St. Francis. We would love to meet them!

As we begin to celebrate the Centenaries of Francis (800 Years!), we are tasked by our International Council to go beyond our families, beyond our fraternities, beyond our Order and beyond our Catholic family. All the branches of our Franciscan Family are being called to walk together in faith and to evangelize the world where we will continue to rebuild the Church by doing what is ours to do...

In Christ, Francis and Clare,

Your servant minister - Israela

Profession Anniversary

- Connie Jo Martinez
- Ernestine Sedillo

28 years - June 25, 1995



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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