



St. Anthony Fraternity Newsletter

March 2025

February Gathering Focused on the Month of the Holy Family

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of February to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and so the Saint Anthony Fraternity's February Gathering was dedicated to the Holy Family. The Gathering began with praying the Office of the Holy Family. Formation Director, Jeannette Schlicher, led the Fraternity in discussion and around-the-room sharing about the Holy Family and holiness in ordinary families.



O God,
who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
— Amen.

Visits to our Fraternity Family

A couple of fun pictures from recent visits to our homebound Fraternity family members: on left Victor and Rena Xuereb and Barbara Heilman on right. Looks like they enjoyed the visits which were complete with pizza!



Important Dates and Reminders

March

- **Council Meeting** March 7 at 6:00 p.m. at A Becoming Place | 1350 Lakeview Rd SW

- **Fraternity Gathering**

March 23 2:00 p.m. at A Becoming Place | 1350 Lakeview Rd SW

Please bring:

- Donations of non-perishable food for the St. Felix Food Pantry.
- New/gently used clothing donations for Francis House.

- Our Fraternity meal will be hosted by Hospitality Group 3:

Israela Garcia, Gina Lubeck, Frances Lucero, Adrian Montoya, Nancy Singh, Felicie Truscio, Linda Williams



Our Fraternity's February donation to the St. Felix pantry was 57 pounds of food!

Thank you for your generosity!



Your generosity makes a difference to your neighbors in need.

Clothing donations from the Fraternity will be delivered to the Trinity Catholic Worker House at 1925 Five Points Rd SW where three refugee families and others are housed.

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meetings

4/11/25 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

5/9/25 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Fraternity Gatherings

4/27/25 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

5/25/25 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

April Fraternity meal will be hosted by Hospitality Group 1:

Lisa Barczak, Consuelo Chavez, Vivianne Gonzales, Felis Otero-Armijo, Tommie Page, Bill Parras, Martha Ramirez, Ernestine Sedillo

May Fraternity meal will be hosted by Hospitality Group 2:

Mary Lou Narvaez, Angela Ortiz, Reina Romero, Gerry Rohrkemper, Geri Salazar, Rex and Jeannette Schlicher, Ann Sims, and Lisa Trujillo

Minister's Message



This month we are renewed with our beautiful Lenten season and with the beautiful season of Spring. This is a great time to celebrate the Canticum of Creatures which is our 800th Centenary focus for the year.

Our role as Brothers and Sisters of Penance is to follow the Rule of St. Francis as written especially for lay people. We are called to witness the Gospel in a special way – in our families, our communities and in the world. We have a special place in the Franciscan Order as a whole, in that we are called to live penitential lives of service. To be penitent at this beautiful time of year reminds us that there is re-birth, re-pentance and re-surrection.

Open your eyes to the new life that is springing from the earth. Open your ears and listen to the different birdsongs. Open your mind and be fed anew by the Gospel. Open your heart and find peace in penitential acts. Know Him, love Him, serve Him – it is all that He asks...

Peace to you,

Israella



We have learned that Affiliate, Edith Bohan, passed to eternal life on November 10, 2024.

Eternal rest, grant upon her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

March Birthday

John Fishel, OFS March 28



March Profession Anniversaries

Elizabeth Chavez 3/21/2010
Marilyn Migliarini 3/21/2010

Jeannette Schichler 3/13/1983
Rex Schichler 3/13/1983

Marie Allen 3/6/1955

OFS National Executive Council



After a day of meetings, the National Executive Council (NEC) of the Secular Franciscan Order attended Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, NM. Archbishop John C. Wester celebrated Mass along with our CNSA friars Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM, left; Fr. Marek Stybor, OFM Conv., second from right; and Fr. John DeLaRiva, OFM Cap, far right. (Photo by Diane Menditto, OFS)

Fr. Marek is a National Spiritual Assistant on the Conference of National Spiritual Assistant (CNSA) for Secular Franciscans USA. He is serving as President in Turn and represents the Conference of Conventual Friars in the USA. Fr. Marek also serves as the Spiritual Assistant for the Secular Franciscan's National Formation Commission.

Photo credit: Diane Menditto, OFS

You're Invited to attend

Espiritu Santo Fraternity fundraiser at Holy Family Church Indoor Flea Market in Parish Hall

Sunday, March 16, 2025 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Espiritu Santo Fraternity Bilingual Lenten Prayer Service

Saturday, March 22, 2025 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Save the Dates

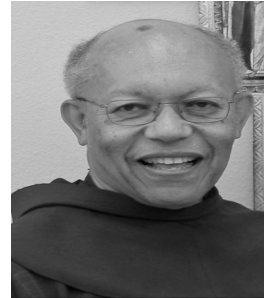
October 17,18, 19, 2025

The annual OFS National Fraternal Visitation to our Region will be held this year in Albuquerque (not in El Paso) at the Crowne Plaza in Albuquerque. Mass will be held on Saturday, Oct 18 at 4 p.m. at San Felipe de Neri Catholic Church.

Spiritual Assistant's Message

Dearest sisters and brothers in St. Francis,

We are already into the First Week of Lent. It almost seems like yesterday that we were enjoying the Season of Christmas . . . *NOT*. As my Mom used to say: "The older you get, the faster time goes by." Of course, as a child, I thought she was losing her marbles; but I hoped my face didn't *show* that's what I was thinking—"wouldn't be prudent."



In addition to what you have chosen *not* to do during this Lent, I invite you to choose what you *will* do during this Lent. Do something that may carry you on as a good thing to continue doing. Jesus admonishes us to "Do onto others as we want them to do onto us." Like most things Jesus tells us, it's easier *said* than *done*. (But, that's no reason/excuse not to try—and keep on trying!)

If we keep our eyes and hearts on the readings for Lent (Sundays, of course, but really try for weekdays, too), we will let the loving Lord nurture our good intentions toward living the challenges of peace.

May the Lord bless you with peace and goodness,

Br. Gordon Boykin, OFM
Fraternity Spiritual Assistant

Upcoming Formation Sessions

Candidacy Formation Sessions:

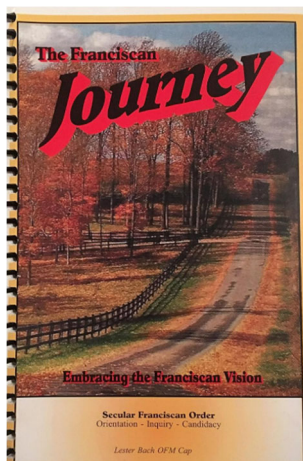
March 22, April 12 and April 26

The Franciscan Journey:

Chapter 21: How to Love People

Chapter 22: Foundation for the Kingdom

Chapter 23: Justice in Franciscan Life



Inquiry Formation Sessions:

March 15, April 5 and April 19

The Franciscan Journey:

Chapter 7: OFS History—Development of the Rule

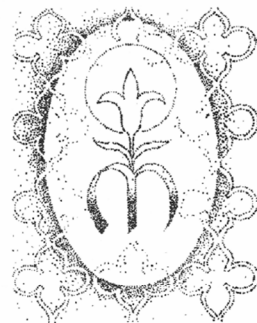
Chapter 8: Scripture in the OFS Life

Chapter 9: Vatican II—OFS Rule and Constitutions

Any donations for snacks and bottled water for SAF Formation, Inquiry and Orientation classes are appreciated.

Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe
809 East Nineteenth Street
Roswell, New Mexico 88201-7599

Peace and blessings
February 17, 2025



Our dear Brother and Sister in St. Francis,

May God bless and reward you for reaching out to us again and again with great generosity. Your donations have indeed been a great help in allowing us to accomplish some projects on our grounds these recent weeks. When all is complete, we will have some restored sidewalks making our outdoor stations of the cross and other areas more accessible for our elderly sisters, giving all a beautiful and safe place for times of prayer outdoors. For this we are most grateful!

One of the highlights of this month of February was the feast of our Mother St. Colette. As we read from her biography, *Walled In Light* by our Mother Mary Francis, we were struck especially by how she is a saint of hope in all that she did to renew Franciscan life in 15th century France. She is truly a special patroness for this Jubilee Year of Hope, and in particular for all of us who follow in the way of life she held so dear and worked to restore. May she help us all with her powerful prayer.

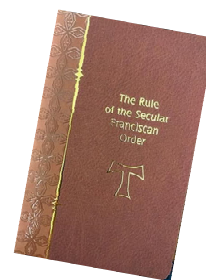
Gratefully, in Mother St. Colette,

Your Poor Clare Nuns

Reflecting on the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

Rule Three

The present rule, succeeding *Memoriale propositi* (1221) and the rules approved by the Supreme Pontiffs Nicholas IV and Leo XIII, adapts the Secular Franciscan Order to the needs and expectations of the Holy Church in the conditions of changing times. Its interpretation belongs to the Holy See and its application will be made by the General Constitutions and particular statutes.



Commentary (*Official Commentary prepared by the USA National Spiritual Assistants' Commission.*)

The continuity with past rules, its influence in today's world and its approval by the Church are discussed in this third paragraph. This rule is the fourth expression in eight centuries. It makes the unchanging principles of Franciscan gospel living accountable and relevant today. The leaders of the Church constantly guide this movement from gospel to life.

Treasurer's Report

SAINT ANTHONY FRATERNITY, OFS				2025	2025
TWO MONTH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR				January	February
MONTHLY NUMBER OF DONORS				14	20
#	INCOME				
1	Regular Contributions:			1,049.08	1,014.00
2	Endowment Interest:			73.28	80.32
	Exception Income:				
3	Calendars				10.00
4	Books				76.00
5	Subtotal Exception Income (Item 3+4)			0.00	86.00
6	TOTAL INCOME (Items 1+2+5)			1,122.36	1,180.32
7	Transfer from Savings:				
8	TOTAL DEPOSITED (Checking Acct.) (Items 6+7)			1,122.36	1,180.32
	EXPENSES				
	RECURRING:				
	Spiritual Assistant Stipend			100.00	100.00
	Council Administration Supplies			42.94	1,096.50
	Infirmarian Team (Misc. Expenses)				
	Formation Expenses			77.81	887.89
	Newsletter Admin. Supplies/Printing				73.66
	Newsletter Postage				166.80
	Website Fee:				
	Apostolate: Poor Clares (Donation)			100.00	100.00
	Apostolate: Franciscan Friars (Donation)			100.00	100.00
	Fair Share to Regional:				2,640.00
	Contingency Fund (Transfer to Savings)			50.00	50.00
9	Subtotal Recurring Expenses:			470.75	5,214.85
	EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES				
	Elections Becoming Place Room Rentals				
	San Felipe de Neri donation (San Jose Donation Anniversary)				
	Retreat Picnic Check				
10	Subtotal Exception Expenses:			0.00	0.00
11	TOTAL EXPENSES (Items 9+10)			470.75	5,214.85
	BEGINNING BALANCE (Checking Acct.)			6,070.04	6,721.65
	ENDING BALANCE (Checking Acct.) (Items 8-11+12)			6,721.65	2,687.12
	CONTINGENCY FUND: (Available Savings Funds)				
	Beginning Balance			4,705.05	4,789.38
	Transfer from Expenses			50.00	50.00
	Earned Dividend			34.33	0.92
	TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND			4,789.38	4,840.30



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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.