



St. Anthony Fraternity Newsletter

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Nancy Singh, OFS Welcomed to the St. Anthony Fraternity



With the transfer approval process completed, Nancy Singh, is officially a member of the St. Anthony Fraternity. She is transferring from the Margaret of Cortona Region and the Tau Fraternity in Herndon, Virginia.

Nancy is married. She and her husband, David, are the parents of five children: Joseph, 32; Matthew, 31; Maria, 28; Stephanie, 25; and John, 23. They have two grandchildren, Bohdi, 12; and Dominic, 6.

During her 22 years as a Secular Order Franciscan, Nancy helped establish two fraternities. Over the years she has served in various servant leadership roles as minister, vice-minister, formation director, and secretary.

“Welcome Nancy!”

“Yes, This is What I Want!”



Sunday, October 22, 2023 is a very special day for Rebecca Griego, Adrian Montoya, Stanley Robb, and Felicie Truscio. It is a special day, too, for the members of the St. Anthony Fraternity and the St. Francis Fraternity as they, along with their families and friends, witness their profession as Secular Order Franciscans. They have travelled on the pathway to Profession guided by the Holy Spirit, and all those members of their fraternities who travelled this path with them. They have learned what it means to live as Secular Order Franciscans; and that Profession is a commitment for life responding to God’s love by living the Gospel Life. All of this done after the manner of St. Francis, living the Gospel through his example, instructions, and in his joyful style. And to all of this Adrian, Felicie, Rebecca, and Stanley will say:

“Yes, this is what I want!”

The Mass and Rite of Profession will be held at San Jose en Los Duranes Church, 2110 Los Luceros Rd. at 2:00 pm. followed by a celebration.



Profession Anniversaries

Dolores Cortez	10-03-1998	25 yrs
Joanne Elfers	10-04-1993	30 yrs
Nancy Singh	10-07-2001	22 yrs
Rena Xuerub	10-24-1993	30 yrs
Victor Xuerub	10-24-1993	30 yrs

Calendar of Events

Council Meeting Oct. 13

Mass and Rite of Profession

Oct. 22 2:00 pm

San Jose de Los Duranes

2110 Los Luceros Rd. NW

Inquirers' Formation

Oct 20 - FUN Chapter 10

Charism and Mission



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October Birthdays

Jeannette Feldman Oct 10
 Avelina Battaglia Oct 18
 Gerry Rohrkemper Oct 30
 Marie Allen Oct 31



Celebrating September Birthdays at the Fraternity Gathering!
 Ernestine Sedillo, Lisa Trujillo, and Connie Jo Martinez

Two-Month Financial Statement: 2023		
	JULY	AUGUST
Monthly Donors	17	13
INCOME		
Regular Contributions	864.00	580.00
Endowment Interest	75.52	87.41
Exceptional Income	40.00	260.00
Subtotal for Exceptional Income	40.00	260.00
TOTAL INCOME	979.52	927.41
Transfer from Savings		
TOTAL DEPOSITED	979.52	927.41
EXPENSES		
Recurring Expenses:		
Spiritual Assistant Stipend	100.00	100.00
Council Administration Supplies		
Infirmarian Team (Misc. Exp.)		
Formation Expenses		
Newsletter Administration Supplies/Printing		36.48
Newsletter Postage	12.32	
Website Fee	132.00	
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	469.32	361.48
EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES (Retreat: hall, rooms, guest speaker)		200.00
		270.00
		150.00
Subtotal Exceptional Expenses		620.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	469.32	981.48
BEGINNING BALANCE	7057.84	7568.04
ENDING BALANCE	7568.04	7513.97
CONTINGENCY FUND		
Beginning Balance	3747.59	3798.71
Transfer from Expenses	50.00	50.00
Earned Dividend		
TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND	3798.71	3848.71

Minister's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May peace be with us all ... Pray with me:

Oh Sweet Jesus, we ask that you bless and protect all of your brothers and sisters throughout the world as we engage in the battle between good and evil. Help us to overcome our doubts and our fears as we stand firm in the resolute trust that, you alone O Lord in the Blessed Trinity, are all powerful—all merciful—all knowing and all loving. Strengthen us in our faith and love for you and for one another. Send your Holy Spirit upon the world as an overwhelming wave of help and mercy so that all people may turn to you, Father. You have created us in your own image and you saw that everything you created was good. Forgive us, for humanity's weaknesses and sins of which we are a part ... Forgive us for our ingratitude of all of your good gifts. Lord, have mercy on us and protect us from all evil. Amen

Brothers and sisters, may we Franciscans be a light in the darkness of the world. May we continue to walk in the charism of St. Francis and humbly project the love of GOD to every single person we encounter in our lives. Jesus, we trust in you.

Peace and all good,

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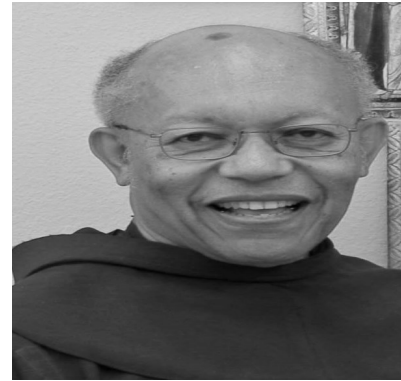


Pray for the health of **Marilyn Migliarini** who has COVID and is hospitalized.

Pray for the health of **Bill Parras** who is recovering from foot surgery.

Pray for our brothers and sisters who are **homebound**.

Spiritual Assistant's Message



Dearest sisters and brothers in St. Francis,

I hope you were able to sporadically watch the solar eclipse on Sat. Oct. 14 th. Like many surprises there is designed hype beforehand. Then, the event WOWs us. Then, it's all over in far less time that it took to plan. Once, again—like the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta—we are left with a fond memory.

Our Fraternity Gatherings ought to be such memorable and anticipated occasions. For there's nothing like being happy to see, and *be* seen by, our sisters and brothers in Christ and St. Francis after a month of their absence. True, we might not *like* certain ones, yet we are called to *love* each and every one of them—and they, *us*.

The next memorable event that is being planned (in case you are the only person who hasn't heard), is an OFS Profession celebration. *This* time, it will be extra-special in that preparation has been going on with our sister Fraternity in Santa Fe. We both have two Candidates each. All four have been anticipating the moment of lifetime Profession in the Order of Franciscans Secular. CoNgRaTs!

As always, Profession is a beautiful opportunity to offer and receive Christian-Franciscan hospitality. My reminder is, if you can't arrive early enough to help set-up, (The hall and chapel doors open by 10 AM), then plan to remain afterward for a bit to take down the evidence of our celebration that our borrowed facility be returned to its order.

If this sounds like a commercial, it *is*. It's a way of reminding us to *always* look and live from “Gospel to life, and life to Gospel.”

See you at the grand celebration!

Br. Gordon, OFM
—Fraternity Spiritual Assistant

Notes from the September gathering * * *

After praying evening Liturgy of the Hours, the Fraternity gathered in the conference room for ongoing formation. Vice-Minister, Rex, Schlicher led a presentation on the Franciscan Rule of 1223. Candidate, Adrian Montoya, assisted with a slide presentation. Beginning in 2023 we began celebrating the anniversaries of five significant events in the life St. Francis. This celebration will continue until 2026. In 2023 we celebrate the **Later Rule** and the **Christmas at Greccio**.

Rex distributed a handout, “The Franciscan Rule of 1223”, and led a spirited discussion of each one of the ten chapters of the Rule with the objective to reflect and share what actions we can take to rediscover the importance of the Rule for protecting and nurturing our fraternal life. The questions, “How do we weave the Rule into our daily lives?”; “How do we make time for meetings and improve the quality of our relationships with our families, our Fraternity, and the other areas of our lives?”; and, “How do we promote initiatives and collaboration with other members of the Franciscan Family?”, elicited stimulating discussion.

As we continue to celebrate Rule, the goal is that all members of the Franciscan Family Profess a Rule that consists of observing the Gospel in our lives—from Gospel to life, and life to Gospel. As St. Francis stated in his *Testament*: “The Most High Himself revealed to me that I should live according to the pattern of the Holy Gospel. And I had this written down simply, and, in a few words, and the Lord Pope confirmed it for me” (*Testament* 14-15, FF 116). Having listened prayerfully to the words of Jesus Christ, Francis and his first brothers exclaimed: “**this is what we want; this is what we were seeking.**” And blessed Francis said: “**This will be our rule**”. (*The Anonymous of Perugia II, FF 1497*)

The Gathering ended with an abundant and delicious meal in the tradition of hospitality and fellowship of the St. Anthony Fraternity.

Franciscan Families Gather to Celebrate Transitus

On the evening of October 3, the Espiritu Santo Fraternity hosted the St. Anthony Fraternity and other members of the Franciscan Family, as well as members of Holy Family Parish, to celebrate *Transitus*. This is the night when we commemorate St. Francis’ passage or crossing over from life on earth to eternal life with God.

Father Patrick Schafer, OFM; Minister Elena Luz Tena, Espiritu Santo Fraternity; and Israela Garcia, Minister, St. Anthony Fraternity, led the Transitus Service. This service is a reminder to all Franciscans to renew our commitment to follow Christ in the footsteps of Francis. Father Patrick in his homily gave highlights and insights into the life of Francis and how we can follow him, because after all, “We are all Franciscans!” The evening ended with a reception in the Holy Family Parish Hall.



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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