St. Anthony Fraternity Newsletter

July 2024

Rite of Admission - A Joyful Day of Celebration

Left to right: Candidates Martha Ramirez and Lisa Barczak, Spiritual Assistant Brother Gordon, Candidate Reina Romero, Formation Director Rena Xuerub, Candidates Geri Salazar, Ann Sims, Lisa Trujillo, and Minister Israela Garcia.

Filled with joy our six Inquirers became Candidates on June 23, 2024. The sisters and brothers of the St. Anthony Fraternity were present to witness the ritual, and to offer them support as they continue on their journey to Profession. They received The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. As they were presented with the Tau, Israela read from the Rite, "As you turn toward Christ in the Spirit of St. Francis, receive this sign of the Secular Franciscan Order and become one with us." Israela concluded by stating, "The Secular Franciscan Fraternity of St. Anthony very gladly promises to help you in your journey with friendship, prayer, and the witness of its life. You, on the other hand, strengthen our fraternity in numbers, by virtue of your presence and participation, and through the sharing of your special gifts. "

Martha Ramirez, Lisa Barczak, Reina Romero, Geri Salazar, Ann Sims, and Lisa Trujillo , our newly-admitted Candidates were individually congratulated and given a sign of peace by the sisters and brothers.

The celebration continued with a barbeque and all the fixing's in honor of our patron's feast day. St. Anthony and the Baby Jesus were the center of our official photo in thanksgiving for all the graces we receive as the St. Anthony Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order.

CALENDAR

Gathering

July 28 2:00 pm

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Candidate Formation

July 13 Candidacy in the OFS
July 27 Prologue
Aug 10 Rule of the OFS
God Turns to Us
Aug 24 Rule of the OFS
We Turn to God

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Council Meeting

August 15 10 am

July Birthdays

Consuelo Chavez - July 10

Barbara Heilman - July 11

Geri Salazar - July 20

Rex Schlicher - July 23

Felicie Truscio - Jul 28

Two-Month Financial Statement	May 2024	June 2024
Monthly Donors	11	15
INCOME		
Regular Contributions	340.00	675.00
Endowment Interest	84.35	87.17
Exceptional Income (calendar /donations)	35.00	60.00
Subtotal for Exceptional Income	35.00	60.00
TOTAL INCOME	459.35	822.17
Transfer from Savings		
TOTAL DEPOSITED (Checking Acct.)	459.35	822.17
EXPENSES		
RECURRING:		
Spiritual Assistant Stipend	100.00	100.00
Council Administration Supplies (checks)	10.08	22.60
Formation Expenses	93.26	
Infirmarian Team		
Newsletter: Supplies and Printing	15.94	88.32
Newsletter Postage		136.00
Website Fee		
Annual Post Office Box Fee	256.00	100.00
Apostolate: Poor Clares	100.00	
Apostolate: Franciscan Friars (Donation)	75.00	75.00
Fair Share to Regional		
Contingency Fund (transfer to Savings	50.00	50.00
EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES		
Subtotal Recurring Expenses	700.28	571.92
EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES		
SUBTOTAL EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES		
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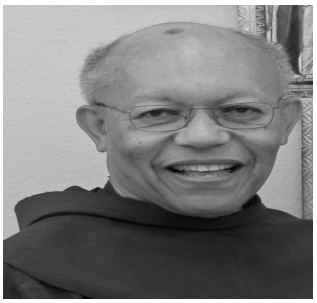
BEGINNING BALANCE (CHECKING ACCT)	6842.50	6602.57
ENDING BALANCE (checking Acct)	6602.57	6852.82
CONTINGENCY FUND (Available Savings Funds)		
Beginning Balance	4244.11	4295.33
Transfer from Expenses	50.00	50.00
Earned Dividends	1.22	1.27
TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND	4295.33	4346.60

Spiritual Assistant's Message



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Dearest sisters and brothers in St. Francis,

Now and then, several fraternity members ask me about the significance of the title of our facility (*viz.*, "A Becoming Place). So, here's a lesson on its origin.

The phrase itself was chosen by our beloved Fr. Jack. It is a quote from the "Testament of Our Holy Father Saint Francis." At length, it states:

> **"Whenever I find our Lord's most holy names (and written words) in unbecoming places, I want to gather them up — and I beg that they be gathered up — and placed in a becoming place.**
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> **"And we must honor all theologians (and those who minister the most holy, divine words) and respect them as those who minister to us – spirit and life."**

When you have the time, go outside to the side of the building that faces the former archive facility. There you will see a cast bronze plaque with the above quote, and other dedication information.

With this admonition, Francis guides us as how to respect and revere the obvious: the written Word of God — in verse or individual words, and those who open/explain that Word of God for us (clergy, theologians, catechists, *et al.*) Francis was *extremely* sensitive and respectful this way.

Some months ago, I went to a Hallmark store in a strip mall. I didn't notice anything heading toward the store, but, when returning to my car, a piece of paper fluttering in the wind caught my attention. It looked like a page from a "Misalette." I picked it up; it *was* a page from a "Misalette." Then, another page caught my eye; and another. Then, I noticed the bulk of the booklet. I gathered up these pieces to dispose of them at home – a *more* "becoming place."

Also, I subscribe to some liturgical guides and Catholic magazines. When the new issues arrive, I don't just throw away the old ones. Instead, I (eventually) shred them for burning — a *better* "becoming place" than the trash bin.

In Francis' day, such footpath findings would have been done in calligraphy on parchment. They may have become dislodged from the prayer books of pilgrims. Francis probably kept some for himself and/or took them to a more off-path place for veneration/reflection. Today, *most* of the printed word is unremarkable. But, if you are artistic, maybe you could design a work of art for personal veneration – or loan it to a church group.

May our Franciscan minds more and more be centered on adoration of the Lord and his creation.

~ Br. Gordon, O.F.M.
—Regional Spiritual Assistant

The Solemnity of the Rite of Admission into the OFS

Rule book in hand, Candidates Geri Salazar, Ann Sims, and Lisa Trujillo receive the Tau from Gina Lubeck, OFS.

From The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, page 22.

"The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people."

Pray for our Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis for healing, comfort, and their special intentions.

Consuelo Chavez, Margaret Martinez,

Linda Williams, Bill Parras,

Elizabeth Chavez , Marilyn Migliarini

Minister's Message

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

This month we remember the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We remember God's love for all of humanity from the beginning of time and into eternity through the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We remember Mary's deep devotion to God through her sinless heart where she "kept things" and pondered on them despite the sorrows she faced…

In loving God and one another, we unite ourselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this love, we serve one another in the love of Christ. In devoting our hearts to God as Mary did, we strive to overcome our human failings and "face with grace" the challenges that God places in our lives.

In Jesus and Mary, we have the two best examples of how we can live our lives as Franciscans. Living as witnesses to the Gospel requires that we listen to the teachings of our Seraphic Father Francis as we also imitate his example in our call and profession to the Order. May we always remain in love and devotion as we do what is ours to do… May we be good Franciscan examples to our families, our neighbors, our friends and all of humanity.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and presence at the National Eucharistic Congress as thousands of pilgrims meet in Indianapolis to worship our Lord in the Holy Eucharist – the ultimate and most divine gift of love from our Heavenly Father. His Son…

Peace to all,

Israela

A Reminder:

Bring non-perishable food to the July 28 Gathering for the St. Felix Pantry. We strive to emulate the spirit our patron, St. Anthony, by assisting the St. Felix Pantry in feeding the hungry.

Felicie Truscio, the coordinator of this ministry, reports our fraternity contribution as follows: April, 26 lbs.; May, 77 lbs., and June, 44 lbs.

Hospitality Group 3 for providing the meal for our July 28 Gathering.

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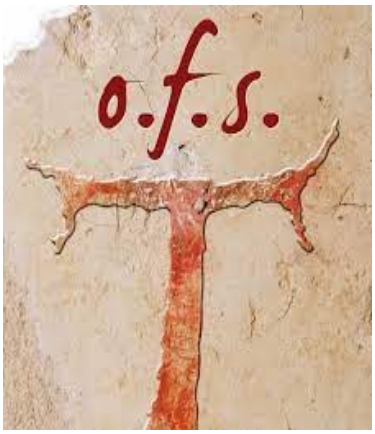
Our Mission Statement

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.



Profession Anniversaries

Marie Allen	3/6/1955	69 years
Rex Schlicher	3/13/1983	41 years
Jeanette Schlicher	3/13/1983	41 years
Elizabeth Chavez	3/21/2010	14 years
Marilyn Migliarini	3/21/2010	14 years