St. Anthony Fraternity Newsletter

June 2025

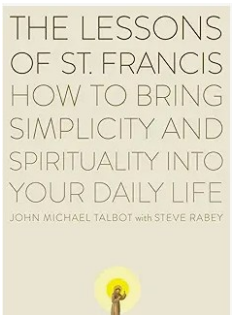
May Fraternity Gathering
Focused on the Month of Mary

The May 25, 2025 Fraternity Gathering began with a prayer service focused on our Mother Mary. The Fraternity prayed the Franciscan Crown Rosary, contemplating the seven joys of the Blessed Virgen Mary. Fraternity members brought flowers in honor of our Blessed Mother.

The Fraternity then marked the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si and discussed the connection to the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' The Canticle of the Creatures, his timeless hymn of praise for creation.

You can renew your personal commitment to care for our common home here: https://laudatosiactionplatform.org

Spiritual Assistant Brother Gordon provided reflections on the Sunday scripture and the connections to peace. Nancy Singh, Vice Minister, shared insights from her participation in the national Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Animator's Retreat of the Secular Franciscan Order at the Holy Cross Retreat Center in Las



The Fraternity will continue its group study of the book *The Lessons of St Francis* by John Michael Talbot. The June gathering will focus on Chapter 2 "Simplicity," (only pages 17-21.) Fraternity members will share insights from their readings at the gathering.

Important Dates and Reminders

June

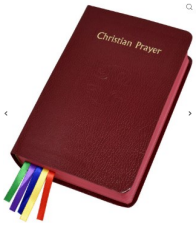
- **Council Meeting** June 9 at 6:00 p.m. at A Becoming Place | 1350 Lakeview Rd SW
- **Fraternity Gathering**

  June 22 **2:00 p.m.** at A Becoming Place | 1350 Lakeview Rd SW

  - The June Fraternity meal will be our Annual Picnic in St. Anthony's honor. His feast day is June 13, 2025. The Fraternity is sponsoring the main dishes. You are welcomed to bring guests.
  - **Fraternity Member Potluck Assignments:**
    - Last Names A through H please bring salads
    - Last Names I through R please bring side dishes
    - Last Names Q through Z please bring desserts

  Please bring to gathering:

  - Christian Prayer book
  - Donations of non-perishable food for the St. Felix Food Pantry.



Our Fraternity's May donation to the St. Felix Pantry was 36 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

Meeting Location: A Becoming Place | 1350 Lakeview Rd SW

Council Meetings	Fraternity Gatherings
7/11/25 | 10:00 a.m.	7/27/25 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM
8/8/25 | 10:00 a.m.	8/24/25 | 2:00 - 5:00 PM

July Fraternity meal will be hosted by Hospitality Group 3:
Israela Garcia, Gina Lubeck, Frances Lucero, Adrian Montoya, Nancy Singh, Felicie Truscio, Linda Williams

August Fraternity meal will be hosted by Hospitality Group 1:
Lisa Barczak, Consuelo Chavez, Viviane Gonzales, Felis Otero-Armijo, Tommie Page, Bill Parras, Martha Ramirez, Ernestine Sedillo

Minister's Message

Happy St. Anthony Feast Day!

This month, we celebrate our Fraternity with our Annual St. Anthony Picnic! There is, however, so much more to celebrate in the richness of the Catholic Church in June:

- Pentecost
- Feast of Corpus Christi
- Feast of the Sacred Heart
- Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Birth of John the Baptist
- St. Peter and St. Paul
- The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

There are other Saints we can celebrate as well.

Since this is the month of our Patron's Feast Day, instead of asking St. Anthony to find our keys, etc., let us ask him to help us find a renewed dedication to our Franciscan charism, our faith, our compassion for others, our understanding and wisdom, our love for others and an open mind.

'Tony, Tony come around, something's lost and can't be found.'

May St. Anthony help us in our search for those holy things that will guide us on our Franciscan journey. May St. Francis accompany us on that journey. And, may the Holy Spirit be the force that makes it all happen.

Amen. Alleluia!

Peace to you,
Israela

June Birthdays

Victor Xuereb, OFS June 10
Elizabeth Chavez, OFS June 12
Nancy Fishel, OFS June 12

June Profession Anniversaries

Ernestine Sedillo, OFS 06/25/1995

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Services for Ernestine's son, Matthew Sedillo, will be held on June 20 at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. 8:15 am Rosary | 9:00 am Funeral Mass

Abraham Placencio, OFS, Remembered

Diaconal Ordinandi

Emilio Eugene Brizal - Our Lady of Sorrows, Las Vegas

Tyler Leroy Cole - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Albuquerque

Steven Charles Garcia - Queen of Heaven, Albuquerque

Jerry Lee Griego - San Miguel, Socorro

Bryan Paul Huffaker - Prince of Peace, Albuquerque

Ricardo Paul Maestas - Our Lady of Sorrows, Las Vegas

Anthony Joseph Martinez - Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Taos

William Frank Martinez - St. Jude Thaddeus, Albuquerque

Jeffrey James McCarthy - Cristo Rey, Santa Fe

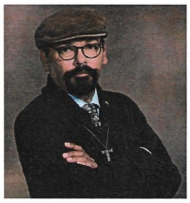
Rudy Edward Rael - San Felipe de Neri, Albuquerque

Francisco Rodriguez - Sacred Heart, Clovis

Juan Edward Sanchez - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Albuquerque

Guadalupe Sosa - Sacred Heart, Clovis

Arthur Adrian Trujillo - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Peralta



In Loving Memory of Abraham L. Placencio, OFS
(April 27, 1965 – March 11, 2024)

We remember Abraham L. Placencio, Deacon Candidate, devoted Franciscan, and humble servant to the marginalized. He walked with two feet of love in action: charity through direct service and justice through advocacy. He lived the Gospel, always seeing Christ in others.

As we celebrate the ordination of new deacons, Abraham's example inspires us to embrace diakonia, selfless service rooted in love.

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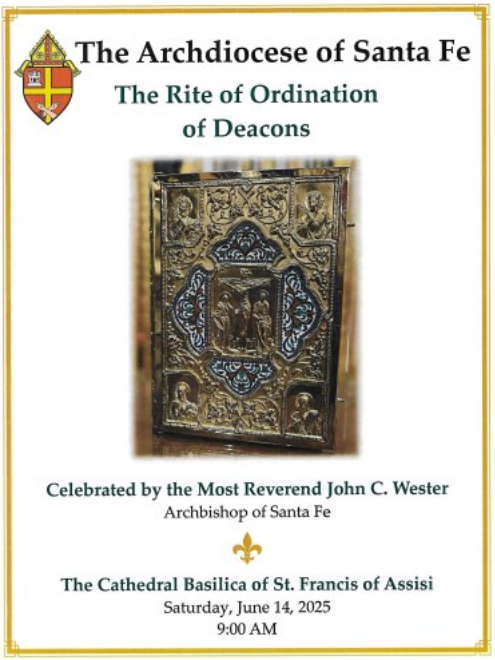
Our deceased past minister and fellow fraternity brother, Abraham Placencio, OFS, belonged to The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Diaconate cohort that had their Permanent Deaconate Ordination with Archbishop Wester at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, on June 14, 2025.
Please pray for these 14 new deacons and for Abraham!
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. *Romans 14:8*



Save the Dates

October 17,18, 19, 2025

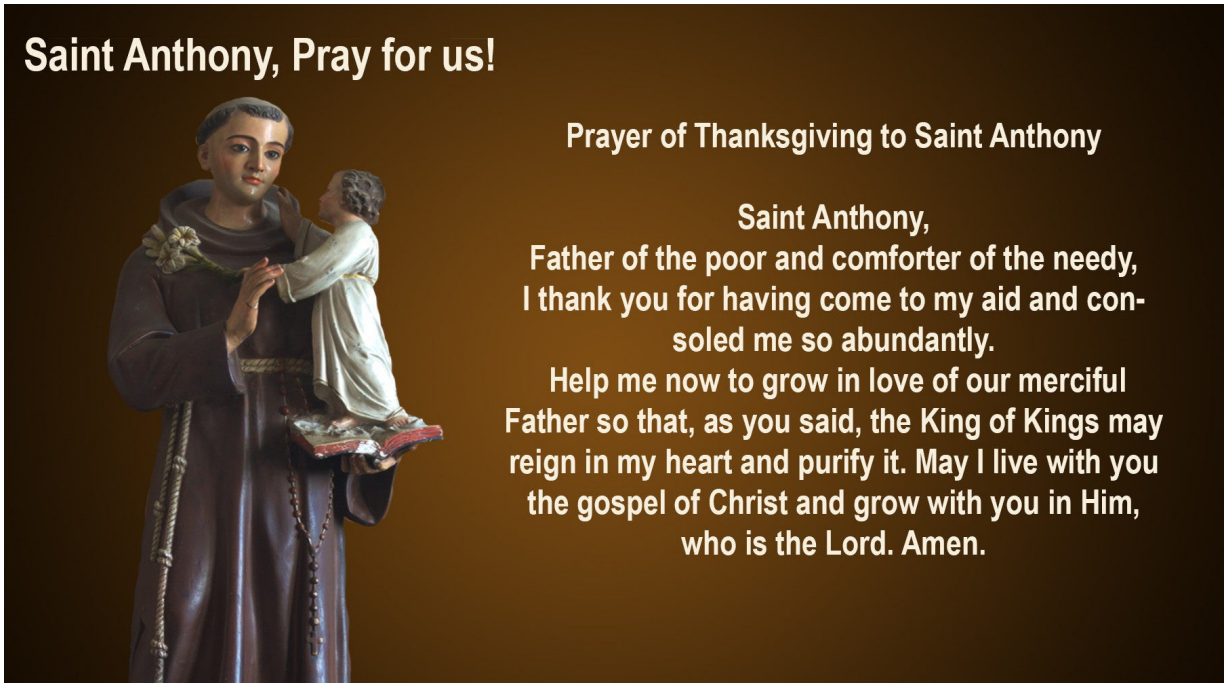
The annual OFS National Fraternal Visitation to our Region will be held this year in Albuquerque (not in El Paso) at the Crowne Plaza in Albuquerque. Mass will be held on Saturday, Oct 18 at 4 p.m. at San Felipe de Neri Catholic Church.

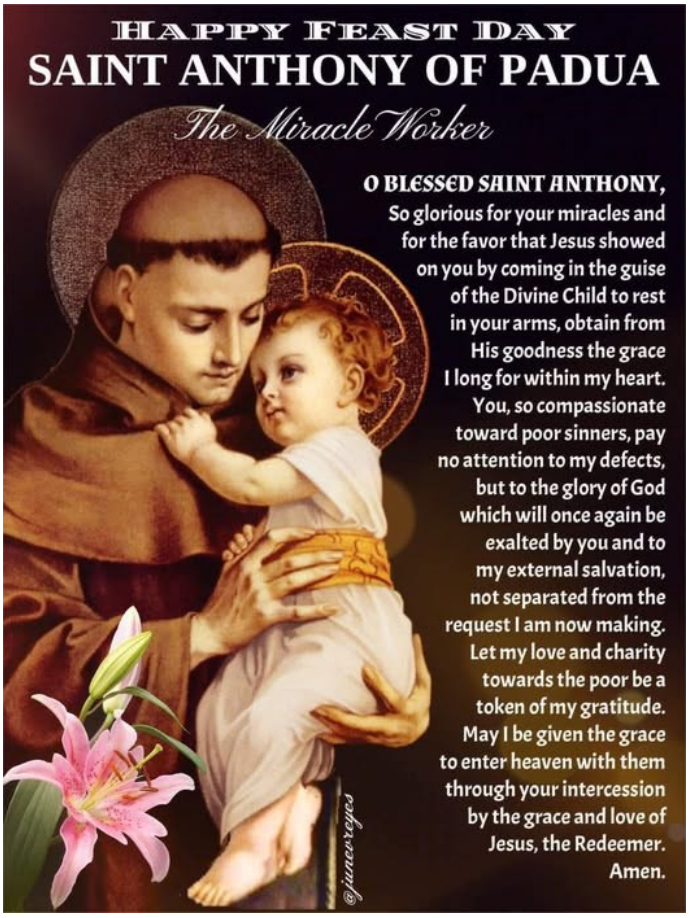
"THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES: 800 YEARS OF A PRAYER FOR ALL CREATION"

In 2025 we celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Canticle of Brother Sun or, as it became more commonly known, The Canticleof the Creatures, composed by St. Francis of Assisi a year before his death when he was completely blind. In Italian literature, this canticle is the oldest poetic text by a known author, being, at the same time, a prayer, a poem and a hymn of praise and joy: "It is a sudden flash that inaugurates Italian literature." (J. Dalarun). It is also the "universal work that best reflects Franciscan spirituality and a message of love and peace that has always remained current." (A. Mazziotti). As the General Ministers of the Franciscan Family Conference remind us, the Canticle is the expression and conclusive confession of the Poverello's life and summarizes his entire journey of conformity to Christ the beloved Son. His faith in the father hood of God becomes a song of praise that proclaims the brother hood of all creatures and their beauty.

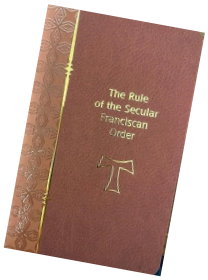
The celebration of the Centenary of the Canticle of the Creatures as a Franciscan Family is a favorable opportunity - and an invitation - that leads us to a radical change in our relationship with creation which entails, as Pope Francis insists in his exhortations, replacing possessions with the care of our Common Home. As the Secular Franciscan Order, we also want to embrace the Celebration of this Centenary as an important and necessary occasionof life change and conversion. It will help us to rethink how we live outour relationship with other creaturesand with the natural resourcesthat our sister, Mother Earth, has offered us. We are facing a great anthropological and ecological challenge that will determine our future becauseit is connected to the future of our sister Mother Earth. Our way of life, with the choices we make based on our vocation as Secular Franciscans, will be decisive in determining the paths that humanity needs to follow.

https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/EN-FranciscanCentenary-2025-CIOFS.pdf





Reflecting on the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order



Rule Six

They have been made living members of the Church by being buried and raised with Christ in baptism; they have been united more intimately with the Church by profession. Therefore, they should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people, proclaiming Christ by their life and words. Called like Saint Francis to rebuild the Church and inspired by his example, let them devote themselves energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity.

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

Sharing Christ's mission through life in the Church is the third point developed on the meaning of gospel living (#6). By word and example the Secular Franciscans bring to those around them the living Christ they have experienced. As it were, they become a living gospel for all to read. This evangelization is based on obedience to the Holy Spirit who inspires and forms the Church, the body of Christ. So, the Secular Franciscans foster an openness to the Spirit and creatively exercise their mission. Furthermore, they hear the call of the Spirit through loyalty, frank dialogue, and cooperation with the legitimate Church authority. This obedience makes ministry authentic without stifling their creativity.

Treasurer's Report

#	SAINT ANTHONY FRATERNITY, OFS TWO MONTH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR	2025 April	2025 May	Comments
	MONTHLY NUMBER OF DONORS	13	17	*Thank you!*
#	**INCOME**			
1	**Regular Contributions:**	705.00	695.00	
2	**Endowment Interest:**	85.04	86.95	
	Exception Income:			
3	**Calendars**	0.00	0.00	
4	**Books**	150.00	0.00	
5	**Subtotal Exception Income (Item 3+4)**	150.00	0.00	
6	**TOTAL INCOME (Items 1+2+5)**	940.04	781.95	
7	**Transfer from Savings:**			
8	**TOTAL DEPOSITED (Checking Acct.) (Items 6+7)**	940.04	781.95	
	EXPENSES			
	RECURRING:			
	Spiritual Assistant Stipend	100.00	100.00	
	Council Administration Supplies	0.00	268.00	*PO Box renewal*
	Infirmarian Team (Misc. Expenses)	0.00	168.64	*Easter Cards and postage*
	Formation Expenses	37.13	0.00	
	Newsletter Admin. Supplies/Printing	0.00	38.40	
	Newsletter Postage	0.00	146.00	
	Website Fee:			
	Apostolate: Poor Clares (Donation)	100.00	100.00	
	Apostolate: Franciscan Friars (Donation)	100.00	100.00	
	Fair Share to Regional:	0.00	0.00	
	Contingency Fund (Transfer to Savings)	50.00	50.00	
9	**Subtotal Recurring Expenses:**	387.13	971.04	
	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)**	387.13	971.04	
12	**BEGINNING BALANCE (Checking Acct.)**	3,317.16	3,870.07	
	ENDING BALANCE (Checking Acct.) (Items 8-11+12)	3,870.07	3,680.98	
	CONTINGENCY FUND: (Available Savings Funds)			
	Beginning Balance	4,891.31	4,942.32	
	Transfer from Expenses	50.00	50.00	
	Earned Dividend	1.01	1.06	
	TOTAL CONTINGENCY FUND	4,942.32	4,993.38	

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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.