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## M i n i s t e r ' s   M e s s a g e

If there is one thing that I may have learned over the last 18 months or so, it is patience. Let me be perfectly honest, patience is not my best virtue. As a matter of fact, if you ask my dear husband, he would simply roll his eyes and try to change the subject. The best (or is it worst) example of this is when we are driving cross country. With one son living in California, another son in North Carolina, and the rest of our family in Michigan, New York and Florida, you can understand how we spend a lot of time on the road. If we hit a serious traffic jam, like a two-hour bumper to bumper snail crawl through Atlanta, let's just say, I was not at my best.

For some people like me, patience is a learned virtue. Not easy. Not quickly learned, but desperately needed in my life. St. Paul lists it among the very first of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, and we all know the importance of possessing these gifts sent to us by God through the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not only is it needed for better relationships with people here on earth. It is also needed in our deep relationship with God.

Judith Cronk, OFS

**Patience**

Fr. Mark Brummel, CMF. Director, St. Jude League says, "In every life of faith, there are times when we are asked to wait on God. We wait for needs to be met... for desires to be satisfied... for comfort in trying times."

"A key aspect of the spiritual journey is the ongoing work we do to accept that we are not in control of many facets of life's timetable. If we or our loved

ones are experiencing difficulties, we naturally long to have it over quickly.

... Waiting, as we know so intimately because it is so much a part of our devotional prayer..., gives us a way to move from hopelessness and despair to a creative future. Patience is part of the process, and it is virtually synonymous with perseverance. We keep moving in life with hope... slowly, step by step, prayer by prayer; there is not way to rush a river or hasten a harvest. Instead, spiritual maturity comes through diligence, persistence and patiently waiting on God's peace."

"Patience calls into play the self-control, humility, and generosity that Jesus modeled for us. Our active awareness of the impatience we feel will work to enhance the gift of listening well to others, dealing with difficult people, and preventing us, for example, from making rash decisions.

"We can take true comfort in God's limitless patience with us, and make use of that to strengthen our trust and faith in Him. The more we have trust and faith in God and the people we love, the greater our ability to be patient with them and to love them more fully. Cultivating resiliency – our capacity to wait for god, ourselves and others – is a pursuit that bear meaningful change in our lives, especially as we come to a recognition that waiting is an active, not a passive, activity."

Fr. Mark Brummel, CMF. Director, St. Jude League

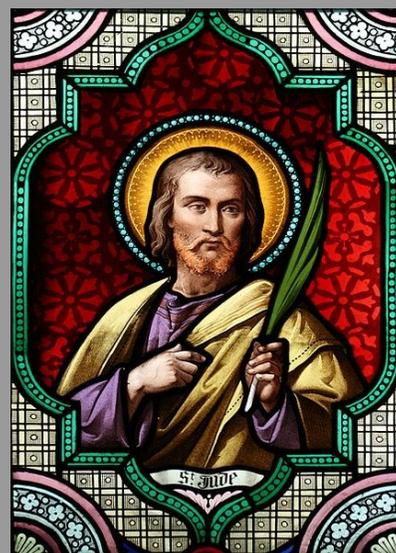
## Prayer for Patience

You give me so many opportunities,  
Heavenly Father, to practice patience.  
Know that it is not easy, that I struggle  
To be serene. Give me what I need  
To find the calm deep within that helps me give  
Patient love to others, to myself, and to You.  
May I endure every test of my patience by slowing down,  
Breathing deeply, and knowing that you are my God.  
Amen



## Prayer to St. Jude as I Wait for God

*I turn to you, St. Jude, to stand by me  
As I wait for God. Your hope is my refuge,  
helping me to persevere in faith  
In the face of the unknown. Your hope  
Inspires my trust in God, that He will provide.  
You have my devotion in gratitude as we wait  
Together for all that is good from God. Amen*



## Liminal Time

“Limen” = Latin for “threshold”

“liminal space” = the crucial in-between time

- The time between when an action is put in motion and its completion.
- A cake is put into the oven – then we wait during the “baking time”.
- A seed is planted into the ground – we wait through the gestation period and the maturation to get the fruit.

Holy Saturday = the time Jesus entered the tomb and the day of Resurrection.

We all live in “liminal time.” We were planted on earth, but our completion comes when we once again enter heaven and see the face of God. So, our time here on earth, we stand at the threshold and wait. And during the wait is the time of weeding, and watering, and pruning and the sending out of our seeds to call others to the final completion of Heaven.

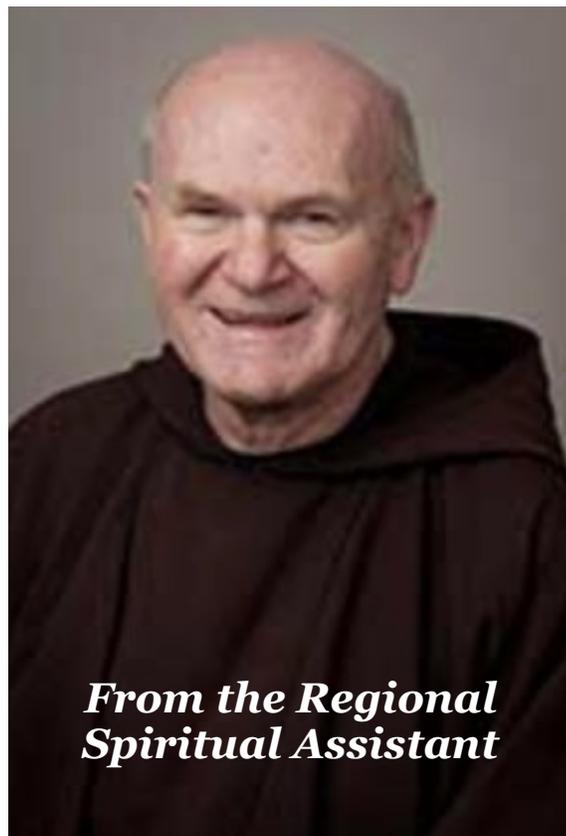


## GENEROSITY

Dear Secular Franciscan Sisters and Brothers:

Whenever I say difficult things to other people, I always think of two things. One—am I doing what I say myself, and that is a source of serious meditation for me. And two—what gives me the right to say them? Actually, your *Constitutions* gives the spiritual assistant the right to say things, but some time ago, Pope Benedict said something to “me” and to everyone who is in charge (he said it to the male and female Superiors General from Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life): **“You are called to support and guide your brothers and sisters during uneasy times characterized by multiple snares. Consecrated people today have the task of being witnesses to the transfiguring presence of God in an ever more disoriented and confused world.”**

So, with that authority, I continue to “support and guide” with some words that Francis might say to us today that may be difficult to hear. During the next ten publications or so, I will tackle the topic with words that Francis of Assisi might say to you.



*From the Regional  
Spiritual Assistant*

## YOU SHOULD BE MORE GENEROUS THAN YOU ARE

Remembering:

### **Your Rule, Chapter Two, Number Four**

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. Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to him, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly. Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to gospel.

### **Apostolic Exhortation on the Renewal of Religious Life (Evangelica Testificatio, 1971), # 53**

[This document was written primarily for the religious of our world, but in a certain sense, all Secular Franciscans are religious, and therefore the document can be applied to them as well.]

*Today more than ever, the world needs to see in you men and women who have believed in the Word of the Lord ... In the course of her history, the Church has ever been quickened and gladdened by many holy religious who, in the diversity of their vocations, have been living witnesses to love without limit. ... Live generously the demands of your vocation, renewing the affirmation of the realities of faith and in its light interpreting in a Christian way the needs of the world. The moment has come, in all seriousness, to bring a rectification, if need be, of your consciences, and also a transformation of your whole lives, in order to attain greater fidelity.*

## Practical Applications

+ Some of you refuse to do anything extra, especially in your own home and with your family. Generosity implies not only working together with your Franciscan family, but a renewed effort in your own home.

+ Some of you have your own ideas about what ministry should mean in your fraternity, but forget about what your fraternity adopts as a good ministry. You should work with your fraternity in giving of yourself.

+ Many of you are very generous in giving to others outside the fraternity, even to the point of sacrificing time with the fraternity, and not so generous about giving yourselves to the building up of the fraternity itself.

+ You must remember that since you only have one meeting a month, generally speaking, you should make it a priority. It is important obviously to be “Franciscan” as you live in the world, but it is just as important to build up your fraternity itself.

+ As the people in your fraternity become older, there are less people to do the difficult work, and quite frankly, you must respond to that challenge.

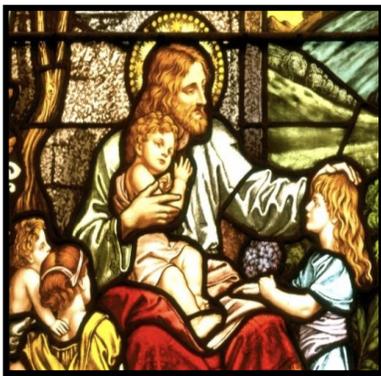
+ There is an obvious need to work in the area of recruitment in your fraternity. Granted, your lives should be drawing more and more candidates, and hopefully your holy lives are “the” best way to recruit, but you need everyone in the fraternity to work at finding new members and spreading the Franciscan charism.

+ Age is quite definitely a factor that controls how generous you can be to others, but age as an excuse is often just an excuse.

I offer this challenge to each of you. Be generous with your time and efforts so that you may truly live Franciscan generosity. As your Rule says, your effort must be defined by bringing the Gospel to your life, and your life to the Gospel. Jesus was generous while he was here among us and by faith is generous to all of us even now. It is a tremendous lesson for us.

May the Lord give you peace.

*Fr. Mike Scully*



Jesus with the Children, stained glass, artist unknown

## Child of God

### **1 John 3:1-3**

*1 See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

*2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*

Jesus taught his disciples many things pertaining to the faith. However, the most important thing he taught them was about who the Father is to his children. Children of the transcendent God, could through their relationship with Jesus, have the ability to call God Abba. This is a term of close affection. No longer are they servants, but rather beloved children.

The Father will hold them in the palm of his hand. He will guide and teach them. To someone who is humble and open to instruction, His voice is gentle, loving, and comforting. It is the proud and rebellious person who will receive anger and strict judgement. The little ones will receive a mediated discipline. There are still rules for the protection of the children. Boundaries are set for their ultimate good. These create a safe place for them to learn and grow. Children will, as children often do, test the limits and boundaries. A loving father will halt their movement into dangerous territory. This is wise and prudent. Children do not always understand what is best for them. Their father, however, knows those things which will provide safety, peace, and opportunity for growth.

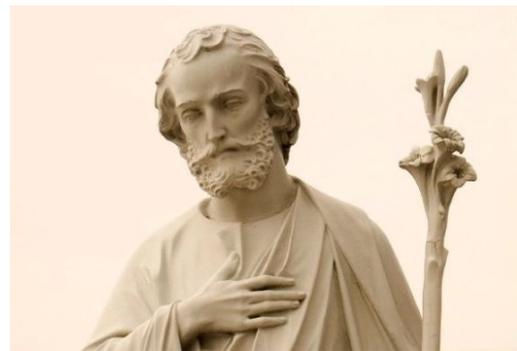
As adults it can be difficult to let go of the need to be in control. No one wants to feel helpless or vulnerable. The Father does not desire that for his children. Through the desert journey, God transformed the Israelites from slaves into conquerors. He desires to do this with his children as well. The Father gave us the opportunity, through Jesus, to escape the slavery of sin. He desires us to live the freedom of the innocent, but always in relationship to Him.

Genna Ferrell, OFS

Minister, Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity

*Abba, thank-you for sending your son, and through him allowing us to become your children. Help us to learn and grow in love, knowledge of you, and in community together. Lead us throughout the day with your tender guidance and help us to live a life that is pleasing to you. It is difficult to be vulnerable, and to be like children. However, we place our trust in your love, mercy and faithfulness. You are a good father who knows our needs before we even ask them. Transform us into the people that you created us to be. Amen.*

# St. Joseph Fraternity



**The St. Joseph Fraternity in Hays, Kansas held their elections on April 18, 2021.**

**The newly elected officers are:**

**Minister:** Troy Haas

**Vice-Minister:** Joanne Wasinger

**Secretary:** Geri Rupp

**Treasurer:** Karen Marsell

**Formation Director:** Brenda Lager

**Councilor:** Ramona Herman

**Councilor:** Dwight Bowles



Left to right: Brenda Lager, Geri Rupp, Ramona Herman, Joanne Wasinger, Karen Marsell, Troy Haas, Dwight Bowles. Seated in chair: Fr. Felix



*Let us pray for those who have been elected. Through their service of animating and guiding the fraternity, may we all live our faith more deeply, witness to Christ more bravely, and work to prepare the Kingdom of God more enthusiastically.*





# Holy Eucharist Fraternity Independence, MO

## Profession and Welcoming Ceremonies

*May 16, 2021 dawned as an overcast and rainy day, but the spirits of those gathered at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Independence, MO were not downcast. This was the first time that Holy Eucharist Fraternity gathered in person since March of 2020.*

A Communion service, officiated by Deacon Tyrone Gutierrez, OFS, celebrated the Profession of five Candidates. Betty McClatchey, Minister of Holy Eucharist Fraternity, accepted the Profession of William T. Cowper, Andrea L. Gamblin, Kim Nguyen, Colleen M. Seaman, Ronald R Smith, and received them into the Holy Eucharist Fraternity



Pictured left to right: Betty McClatchey, Minister accepts the Profession of Ronald R. Smith, Colleen M. Seaman, Kim Nguyen Andrea L. Gamblin and William T. Cowper.



**The same day, we also had the joy of welcoming three individuals into the Inquiry phase of formation. Those welcomed into Inquiry were Kristy Lyon, Rick Lyon, and RoseMarie McColpin. Many family members and friends of those making Profession and being Welcomed were also present. It was a most joyful and blessed day for all!**

Pictured left to right: Betty McClatchey, Minister, Welcomes Rick Lyon, Kristy Lyon, Rosemarie McColpin



## Holy Family Fraternity



The Holy Family Fraternity in Tulsa, OK is both happy and sad to announce that our vice-minister, Jim Southard, has been accepted as a new Seminarian for the Diocese of Tulsa.

Jim is a parishioner at the Church of the Madalene in Tulsa, and was professed in the Holy Family Fraternity in May of 2019. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma, and is currently working as a meteorologist in Tulsa. He will be attending St. Meinrad Seminary in the Fall.

Obviously, Jim will remain a member of our fraternity. Please keep Jim in your thoughts, and prayers during this journey of his life.

His email address is [jim.southard@gmail.com](mailto:jim.southard@gmail.com)

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.*

*Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.*

*Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.*

*Set their souls on fire with love for your people.*

*Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.*

*Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.*

*Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.*

*Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.*

*Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.*

*Amen.*

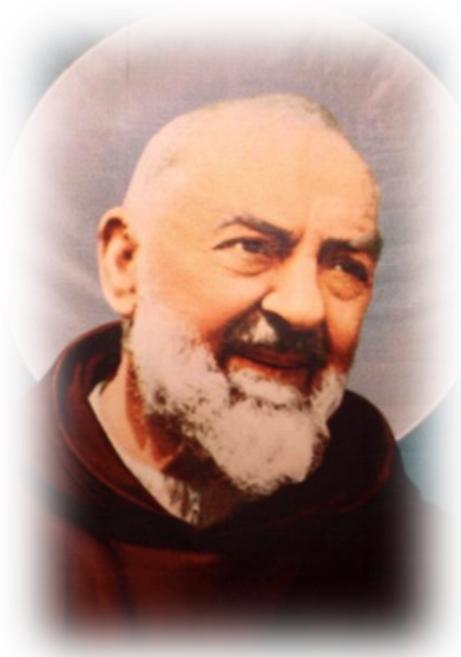
USCCB Prayer for Priests



# Queen of the Angels Public Square Rosary

Queen of the Angels Fraternity held a public square rosary for America, and traditional marriage on March 20, 2021.





MY PAST, O LORD,

*To Your Mercy;*

MY PRESENT.

*To Your love;*

MY FUTURE,

*To Your providence.*

St. Padre Pio

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May their  
souls and the souls of all of the  
faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.*

*Amen.*



## Sister Death



NAME	FRATERNITY	CITY, STATE	DATE
Adam Cuong Nguyen OFS	St. Anthony of Padua	Wichita, KS	September 28, 2020
Monsignor Ralph Kaiser OFS	Queen of the Angels	Buckner, MO	December 11, 2020A
Anthony Rizzi OFS	Holy Eucharist	Independence, MO	December 21, 2020
Maryann Peale OFS	Holy Eucharist	Independence, MO	December 25, 2020
Claude Graybill OFS	Our Lady of Sorrows	Olathe, KS	December 29, 2020
Renee Kozee Martin, OFS	Holy Eucharist	Holden, MO	May 26, 2021
Patricia Rieger OFS	St. Francis of Assisi	Oklahoma City, OK	May 2021



St. Joseph



St Anthony

*25th Anniversary of the Juan de Padilla Region*

# Summer Gathering

## Survey of Catholic Social Teaching

*"He has told you, O Man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you. Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8-9*



Sacred Heart



Holy Family

August 6,7,8, 2021



St Francis

Presenter: **Michael Podrebarac,**

Director of the Office for Liturgy & Sacramental Life,  
Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS



St Elizabeth



Mother Cabrini



Holy Eucharist



Brother Jacoba

*Reservations Due July 8, 2021*

Spiritual Life Center

7100 East 45 Street North, Wichita, KS 67226



Little Portion



St. Maximilian Kolbe



Our Lady of Sorrows



St Stanislaus & St. Adalbert



Queen of the Angels

## May Crowning Ceremony

On May 8, 2021, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist held the May Crowning of Mary at the Franciscan Prayer Center. The ceremony was held outside with beautiful flowers, wonderful friends, and filled with love for the Blessed Mother.

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.*

*To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve.*

*To you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.*

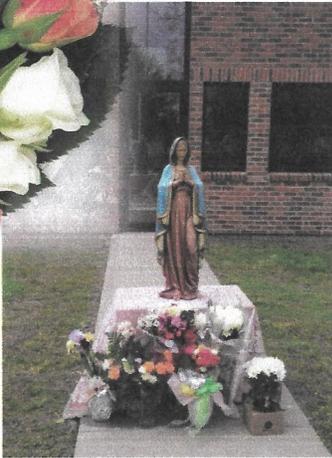
*Turn them, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile*

*Show unto us the blessed fruit of they womb, Jesus*

*O clement,*

*O loving,*

*O sweet Virgin Mary*





# St. Elizabeth Fraternity

*For it is in giving that we receive — St Francis of Assisi*

St. Elizabeth Fraternity held their election on June 27, 2021.

## Newly elected officers:

**Minister** - Julie Oswald

**Vice-Minister** - Linus Drouhard

**Secretary** - Linda Mayer

**Treasurer** - Deanna Perry

**Formation Director** - Tom Bauer

**Councilor** - Anthony Effertz



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity

*The Executive Council of the Juan de Padilla Region is happy to announce the Elections of a new Council for the St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity on May 19, 2021*



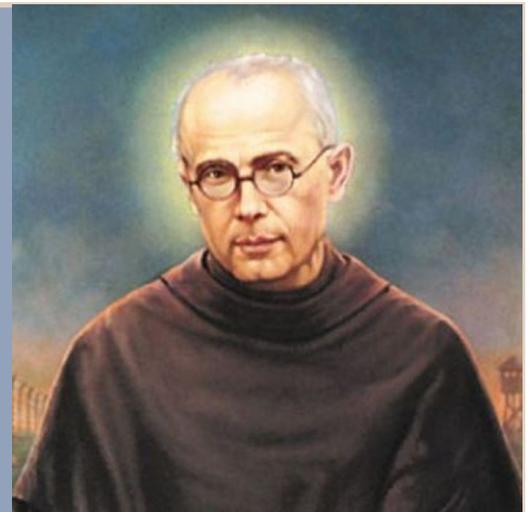
## The new officers are:

**Minister:** Agnes Pouy, OFS

**Vice-Minister:** Sean Bauer, OFS

**Secretary:** Robert Pouy, OFS

**Treasurer:** Catherine Mangimelli, OFS



*A single act of love makes the soul return to life*

*— St Maximilian Kolbe*



# Brother Jacoba Fraternity

## Outreach to First Nation Trip to the Yankton Lakota Sioux Reservation

April 2021

Daniel Lonquist, OSF  
Photographs by Bob Brill, OSF



Outreach to First Nation People made a trip to the Yankton Lakota Sioux reservation in South Dakota in the middle of April. Bob Brill and Dan Lonquist of Brother Jacoba fraternity (Lawrence, Kansas) drove the large Penske moving truck loaded with clothing, furniture, blankets, bedding, kitchenware, books, toys, and many bicycles. Jean Finch and Ruth Entwistle drove the getaway car. The truck was unloaded near a large Boys and Girls club which is adjacent to the area where St. Paul's Catholic Mission church is located in Marty on the reservation. We have made several trips to this reservation during the past five years and Dan has made two trips to St. Paul's, but this trip gave Bob, Jean, and Ruth their first opportunity to visit St. Paul's. Bob took some excellent photographs of the Native American artwork inside of the church.

### Saint Paul's Church in Marty, SD

### On the Yankton Sioux Reservation



#### The Trinity

Note that the eagle depicts the Holy Spirit



Saint Kateri (Catherine) Tekakwitha  
The "Mohawk Saint"

Painting below:

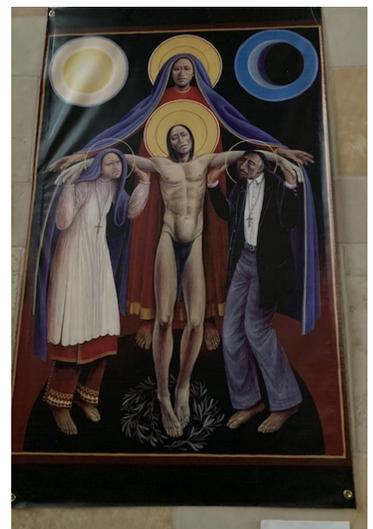
Left: St Kateri Tekakwitha. Right: Black Elk. Upper Center: the Blessed Mother Mary. The hoops signify the unity of the people.



Artist: Fr John Guiliani.

"As a Catholic priest and son of Italian immigrants I bear the religious and ethnic burden of ancestral crimes perpetrated on the first inhabitants of the Americas. Many have been converted to Christianity, but in doing so some find it difficult to retain their indigenous culture. My intent, therefore, in depicting Christian saints as Native Americans is to honor them and to acknowledge their original spiritual presence on this land. It is this original Native American spirituality that I attempt to celebrate in rendering the beauty and excellence of their craft as well as the dignity of their persons."

For more about Fr Guiliani and his at work see [jbgicon.com](http://jbgicon.com)





## St. Anthony Fraternity

*“The life of the body is the soul; the life of the soul is God.”  
-St Anthony of Padua*

The St. Anthony Fraternity is getting off to a great start in 2021 in spite of the rough year we all had in 2020. It looks like we may have three Candidates preparing for Profession in September. A young couple Jayme and William Door and a transfer Candidate from Colorado Jacqueline Simon. Our Fraternity is still mourning the loss of our brother Adam Nguyen who passed away last year due to the pandemic. He was an inspiration to all of us in the enthusiasm he had for his vocation and his love for St. Francis.

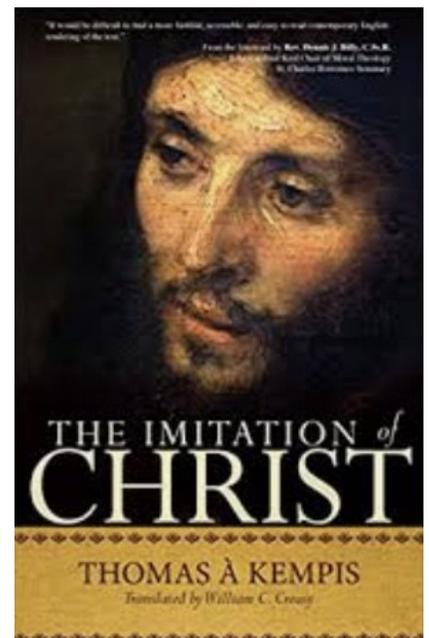
Our Fraternity is about halfway to its fund-raising goal of \$1,000.00 dollars that we contribute each December to the St. Jude, Wichita Lord’s food pantry. Each Monday morning, they provide a sack of groceries and other essentials to hundreds of needy families. We have been financially supporting their ministry for the past 10 years.

About every three months our fraternity usually hosts a mini-retreat as we call them at the Spiritual Life Center. We have a spiritual theme to discuss or watch an inspiring video, pray, go to Mass and have lunch together before we depart. These are delightful events which foster fellowship and spirituality among our members outside of the regular meeting.

It looks like normalcy is gradually returning to the world this summer. It will be wonderful to visit and rekindle old friendships and create new friendships. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Summer Gathering.

Larry Menestrina, OFS  
Minister, St. Anthony Fraternity

For On-Going Formation, we have been studying the Christian book classic, “The Imitation of Christ”. Several chapters are assigned each month to read and study and then at our monthly meeting one of our members leads the Fraternity discussion. We have discovered so many parallels between Thomas à Kempis’s writings and our own Franciscan Spirituality. It has been a wonderful experience sharing this classic with our Fraternity brothers and sisters. After we finish this book in November, we will move on to “Jesus the Bridegroom”, by Brant Pitre.



## Queen of Angels Fraternity

Queen of the Angels' trip to Herington, KS  
to visit the monument for Juan de Padilla.

June 23, 2021

Legend says that the Spanish priest, Franciscan Father Juan de Padilla, brought Catholicism to Kansas in 1541 when he traveled with explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, who was searching for the fabled Cibola, the seven cities of gold. They found the Quivira



In Herington, within sight of St. John the Evangelist Church, is the city park where the granite marker was erected and where a lake is named in Father Padilla's memory. Another monument in Junction City memorializes him

Indians instead and spent 25 days among their villages in central Kansas. Coronado and his party returned to New Mexico, but Father Padilla came back the next summer to evangelize the native Americans. He was killed by Indians, but whether they were the Quivira, the neighboring Kanza or another tribe is unknown.

Memorials in Herington and atop a hill south of Council Grove both claim to be the site of Father Padilla's martyrdom. Another monument west of Lyons is said to be near the site of a wooden cross the priest erected at one of the Quivira villages, and a large cross east of Dodge City purports to mark the site where Coronado's party crossed the Arkansas River and where Father Padilla celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving.



## Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Canonical Establishment of the Juan de Padilla Secular Franciscan Region

St. John the Evangelist Church in Herington, Kansas



## Baby Shower for Mary

Queen of the Angels Fraternity in Blue Springs/Buckner, MO held "A Baby Shower for Mary" in May and June to support The Mothers' Refuge. The Mothers' Refuge is an organization that provides hope for mothers and babies. Their mission is to shelter and educate homeless, pregnant, and parenting young women by providing comprehensive services that empower them to make successful life decisions for themselves and their babies.

Pictured to the right is an administrator from Mothers' Refuge along with Jo Keller, Minister, and Kathy Johnson of Queen of the Angels Fraternity. Jo and Kathy delivered \$600 in gift cards and cash, along with donations of baby clothes, diapers, wipes, etc. along with clothing for new mothers.





Every fraternity needs to bring their banners with them to the Summer Gathering.

August 6-8 Summer Gathering  
 September 25 Regional Chapter Meeting  
 September 15 Deadline for Fall newsletter submissions

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