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St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Newsletter

The Minister's Message

by Joe Halloran, OFS

Dear Franciscan Friend,

There are all kinds of warnings to heed these days, aren't there? And many of those warnings can save lives and can mitigate various and sundry damages. Health warnings, driving warnings, money management warnings, employment warnings and so on can – or purport to – be powerful aids in our daily lives. Surely our Franciscan heroes such as Saints Francis, Clare, and Anthony would agree about the common sense of abiding by prudent warnings.

And there are other warnings, even more important than the usual warnings in our lives, and those warnings regard our perpetual souls.

Of course, some “warnings” are merely tongue-in-cheek, and, thanks to the “Wacky Warning Labels” list on the World Wide Web, I can share ten such “warnings” with you right now. You're gonna love 'em!



1. On a blanket: “Not to be used as protection from a tornado.”
2. On a carpenter's electric drill: “Not intended for use as a dental drill.”
3. On a bottle of shampoo for dogs: “Caution: The contents of this bottle should not be fed to fish.”
4. On a string of Christmas lights: “For indoor or outdoor use only.”
5. On a hair dryer: “Do not use in shower.”
6. On a Batman costume: “This cape does not give wearer the ability to fly.”
7. On a cartridge for a laser printer: “Do not eat toner.”
8. On a novelty rock garden: “Eating rocks may lead to broken teeth.”
9. On a child's car seat: “Remove child before folding.”
10. On a household iron; “Never iron clothes while they are being worn.”

I suppose the motivation for such weird warnings comes from the fear of preposterous money-grubbing “lawsuits.” But there are, of course, other warnings that truly do protect people from disaster – the disaster of sin – and those warnings are found in God's Love Letter, the Bible, specifically in The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:2-17).

Wouldn't this be a far, far happier world if the Ten Commandments were respected and adhered to, and if all of God's children (i.e., children of all ages, e.g., age 9 or 39 or 109 or whatever) took the Commandments seriously and graciously and gratefully? “The wages of sin is death,” says St. Paul (Romans 6:23), whereas the rewards of a virtuous Christian life are strikingly and eternally grand and glorious.

It was fun reading the ten “Wacky Warning Labels” above, wasn't it? But the Ten Commandments give us far more and deeper joy than all the Wacky Warning Labels in the world, not to mention the rewards of eternal salvation for our eternal souls. The Ten Commandments are crucial messages and reminders that we Franciscans – and all Catholics – should propose to others in season and out, aren't they? God love you, dear Friend.

Your brother in Christ,

Joe Halloran, OFS
Minister

JESUS CALLING

Wait patiently with Me while I bless you. Don't rush into My Presence with time-consciousness gnawing at your mind. I dwell in timelessness: I am, I was, I will always be. For you, time is a protection; you're a frail creature who can handle only twenty-four-hour segments of life. Time can also be a tyrant, ticking away relentlessly in your mind. Learn to master time, or it will be your master.

Though you are a time-bound creature, seek to meet Me in timelessness. As you focus on My Presence, the demands of time and tasks will diminish. I will bless you and keep you, making My Face shine upon you graciously, giving you Peace.

Micah 7:7

Revelation 1:8

Praise Beauty in the words of St Francis:

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You are the holy Lord God Who does wonderful things. You are strong. You are great. You are the most high. You are the almighty king. You holy Father, King of heaven and earth. You are three and one, the Lord God of gods; You are the good, all good, the highest good, Lord God living and true. You are love, charity; You are wisdom, You are humility, You are patience, You are beauty, You are meekness, You are gladness and joy, you are our hope, you are justice. You are moderation, You are all our riches to sufficiency. You are beauty, You are gentleness, You are the protector; You re the custodian and defender, You are strength, You are refreshment, You are our hope, You are our faith, You are our charity, You are all our sweetness, You are our eternal life; Great and wonderful Lord, Almighty God, Merciful Savior



Happy Birthday!



Maria Halloran, OFS June 30
Priscilla Romano July 5
Loretta Johnston July 12
Polly Saint Raphael, OFS July 22
Fr. Tom Murphy, OFM August 8
Phyllis Hall August 16
Martha Dilley, OFS September 12
Lizbeth Perez, OFS September 15
Marty Roache September 24
Joy Richards September 30
Helen McGovern, OFS September 30



Profession Anniversary

Congratulations!

Bernie Segler, OFS 7/01/07
Nancy Nalewaiski, OFS 9/08/62
Frederica Soles, OFS 9/18/05

Goodie Table



Assigned to bring refreshments for the September Fraternity meeting:

Martha Dilly
Lizbeth Perez
Polly Saint Raphael
Marty Roache

Please pray for...



Our Brother Richard Gladd went home to our Lord on June 18th. We are confident he rests in the arms of St. Francis as he journeys to meet our Lord. Please pray for Jasper Bauer, 5 years old; Loretta's grand nephew who is battling Neuroblastoma, a pediatric cancer. We lift Melinde Nene up in prayer and support as she travels on her Lourdes pilgrimage, Melinde has asked that we lift her petitions up in prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Message from the Formation Director

by Jim Prior, OFS

Please pray for those in formation, your prayers are working. Keep up your crown rosaries.

We have wonderful, spiritual, and talented people in Formation. Jesus, His Blessed Mother, and St. Francis are blessing our efforts.

Keep up the prayers and pleas to Heaven and remember our good people in Formation. They are:

Candidates:

Cindy Marks, Cheri Jenner, Mike Mendez, Loretta Johnston, Melinde Nene, Cathy Chrzanowski, Joy Richards, and Nancy Merigliano

Inquirers:

Priscilla Romao, Phyllis Hall and Marty Roache

We are privileged to have each and every one of them and thanks to your prayers and efforts, more are on the way.



STAR SPANGELD PRAYER

By Jim Prior

“In God We Trust.

God is Love.

Love Never Fails.

Love Conquers All.

In God We Trust.

Jesus, I Trust in You

And Your Divine Mercy.

In God We Trust

From Sea to Shining Sea....

In This Nation Under God

All Out.....

All In.....

In Faith, Hope, and Love

And the Greatest of These is Love,

For God’s Sake!”

IL POVERELLO

By Jim Prior

Clad in brown is Francis,

The little poor man.

Rich in what counts,

Yet poor according to the world.

Former rich man’s son,

Former chivalric soldier.

He gave it all up

To serve the Lord with such gospel intensity.

That the Lord gave him Calvary’s wounds.

Lover of Christmas, he gave the world its first crèche,

Crib! Cross! Cup! Creation! Christ!

St Francis loved the nativity scene

He yearned for “The Old Rugged Cross”

And for the priceless Cup of the Eucharist.

He reveled in what God has wrought

Here on earth in the environment.

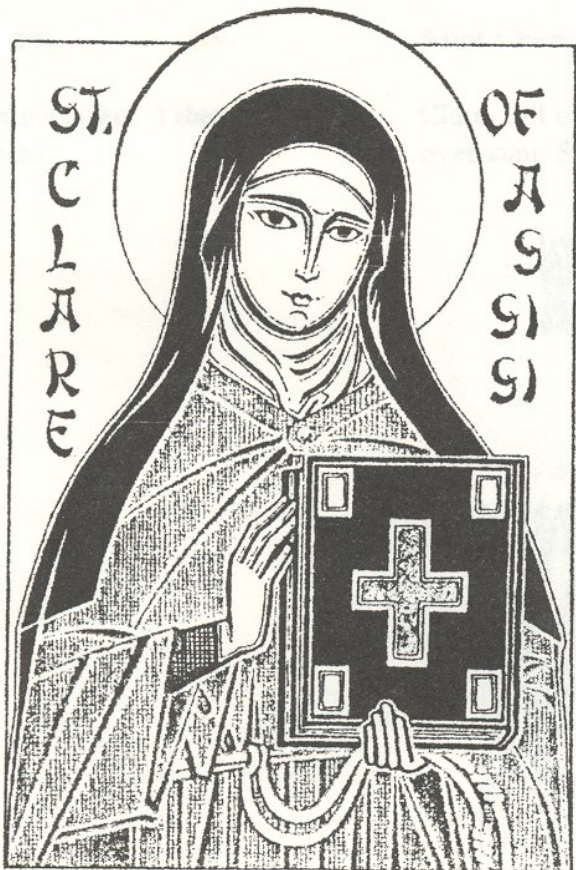
And the creatures of earth: Man!

The animals of the plain, including hungry wolves!

The birds of the air!

The fish of the sea!

Above all, St Francis loved going to the ‘Mountain Top’
with Jesus



Don't forget that we are taking a hiatus for the months of July and August and that there will not be any monthly fraternity meetings.

Formation meetings will take place following the agreed upon schedule. See you on September 20th.



A Marian Moment

Submitted by Maria Halloran, OFS

Second Letter of Clare to Blessed Agnes of Prague
 Submitted by Susan Pivec
 What you hold, may you (always) hold.
 What you do, may you (always) do and never abandon.
 But with swift pace, light step (and) unswerving feet,
 So that even your steps stir up no dust,
 Go forward, securely, joyfully, and swiftly, on the path of prudent happiness.
 Believing in nothing, agreeing with nothing which would dissuade you
 From this resolution or which would place a stumbling block for you on the way,
 So that you may offer your vows to the Most High, in the pursuit of that
 Perfection to which the spirit of the Lord has called you.



"Jesus is the mediator of justice; Mary obtains for us grace; for, as St. Bernard, St. Bonaventure, St. Bernardine of Siena, St. Germanus, St. Antoninus and others say, it is the will of God to dispense through the hands of Mary whatever graces He is pleased to bestow upon us. With God, the prayers of the saints [and our prayers] are the prayers of His friends, but the prayers of Mary are the prayers of His mother."
 – St. Alphonsus Liguori



In Memoriam
 Richard Gladd died at 8:15pm on Thursday June 18th, at Bayfront Hospital, St Petersburg FL. He was 68 years old. He was professed in the St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity of the Order of Secular Franciscans on January 30, 2013. He was formerly the treasurer of the OFS. Good Bye Richard you are always in our prayers. "To be gone and to be with Christ" Philippians 1:23