



Saint Anthony of Padua O.F.S.

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NOTE: If you wish to submit something- Please send to toplot@bellsouth.net two weeks before the beginning of a new month.

Our next gathering:
March 19, 2017:
Retreat

As our Nation has begun a new chapter, let us also begin again. Let us begin with new hope, forgiveness, understanding, and love for one another. Let us pray for renewal in our country, in our WORLD, and in our fraternity, for healing where needed, for us to grow in our Franciscan calling.

Let us once again re-commit to praying for one another daily, individually. Do you still have the monthly prayer sheet and do you continue to pray for the “person of the day,” each day? Do you still read from our “little red rule-book” each day and meditate on the Chapter of the day?

Do you still pray for vocations to the O.F.S., for our fraternity? And pray for Regional, National and International Secular Franciscans? And remember our Franciscan priests, Bishops and Cardinals all over the world. And let us pray daily for our Holy Father Pope Francis. And let us remember our religious Sisters too. Especially the Poor Clare Sisters right here in Delray.

A time to say “thank you” to Carol Knight, OFS, our previous Minister, for her 3 years of service to our fraternity. And to all those who served on council. And a time to say “welcome” to our new council. (see left) And a time to pray for them to always be willing to do God’s will.

For them to lead us in love as we all grow closer to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us once again ask Saint Francis to help us, to be by our sides, to remind us why we became Franciscans. Pray for us to grow in our Franciscan spirituality daily. As we begin a new chapter in our fraternity, with the November elections of a new council, let us take time to reflect on our own profession.

A time to renew our commitment to our Franciscan lifestyle and to our fraternity.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

February: Comfort for the afflicted.
 That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

March: Support for Persecuted Christians.
 That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

There is no doubt here that Profession will be a sacrifice if it is taken seriously. This means that you willingly allow yourself to be “set aside” – all is now ready for the infusion of God’s grace in order for you to be able to fulfill your Profession promises. You have two choices. Seek and cooperate with those graces, or continue living your life for yourself and squander those graces.

~ Fr. Richard Trezza, O.F.M.,
 “Profession and the Secular Franciscan:
 Theological and Liturgical Foundations” ([FUN Manual](#))

Anniversary of Profession: Terri Petricca OFS January 21, 2007	Birthdays for Feb. Peggy Jiminez OFS 2/17/28	<u>Quotes from our father St. Francis</u> Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self. It is not fitting, when one is in God’s service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look.
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PERSEVERANCE

P...Prayer...STRENGTHENS US!
E...Eternity... keep eyes on eternity.
R...Resurrection... God’s promise.
S...Serve others... forget yourself.
E...Enjoy life as you serve others.
V...VICTORY is ours, if we persevere.
E...Enter into His gates with thanksgiving
R...Righteousness... always strive for it.
E...Enemies...FORGIVE THEM!

Pray for the GRACE of final perseverance.
 And the “GRACE of a happy death.”

For Lent

Rosary of the Holy Wounds of Our Lord Jesus Christ or Chaplet of Mercy
 (may be said on the Rosary Beads)

On the large beads:
 Eternal Father, I offer Thee the
 WOUNDS of Our Lord Jesus Christ...
 to heal the wounds of our souls.

On the small beads:
 My Jesus, pardon and mercy...
 Through the merits of Thy
 HOLY WOUNDS.

(300 days indulgence each time)
 (taken from the Pieta book, pg. 32)

“POINTS TO PONDER”

TAKEN FROM...

“My Daily Bread”

(Confraternity of the Precious Blood, by Anthony J. Paone, S.J. 1954)

Obstacles to Peace of Soul

Christ: MY CHILD, as I have already told you, where there is order, there will you find My peace. My peace does not leave you until some disorder has entered into your soul.

This disorder may be in your thinking or in your will.

2.) Thus, for instance, some people, either through ignorance or through neglect, fail to see life's daily events My way. They are troubled, anxious, ready to do anything for some need or advantage in their earthly life. My loyal followers work for their needs, but they do not forget Me. They consult My Church when they doubt what is to be done.

3.) Never take your eyes away from My teachings. Otherwise you will easily be deceived. Consider My judgments more than the judgments of worldly people. Let no human praise, nor human fault-finding, influence your loyalty to Me.

4.) Then again, disorder may arise in your will. You may want some worldly advantage or earthly success, regardless of My will in the matter. If this is so, you shall be deprived of My peace. You may distract or deceive Yourself for a time, but My grace will continue to disturb your conscience.

5.) Be truly wise. Do not have any fixed desires. Place all your hopes, plans, and efforts at My feet. Follow what seems wise and good, but do not make up your mind to have what you desire, no matter what the price. If you follow your unreasoning desires too strongly, you will only find regrets and remorse later on.

THINK: There is only one way to true and lasting peace. That way is God's Will. The man/woman who lacks interior peace either wants what God does not want him/her to have, or refuses to take what God wants him/her to take. One who does his/her best to embrace God's holy Will, will receive Christ's peace. What about me? Am I trying to embrace God's holy Will in all that happens to me each day? To do this perfectly I must see the full picture of life, I must see God directing, supporting, and permitting whatever occurs, be it good or evil.

In allowing evil to happen, God has reasons far beyond my understanding.

My highest WISDOM lies in embracing the evils which I am not able to remedy, accepting them because God permitted them to happen to me. When I have succeeded in wanting ONLY what God wants me to have, I shall know the wonderful PEACE OF CHRIST.

PRAY: All wise Creator, You know what is best for me. Everything which You permit in my life, is good for me in some way. You do not ask me to understand all of these things, but only to accept them because YOU permit them. True, You expect me to do my best to correct the wrongs that happen to me; but when I cannot correct them, that is when I am to embrace them for Your sake. In seeking Your Holy Will above my own likes and dislikes, I shall find the GRACE of INTERIOR PEACE. With this peace I shall think more clearly in my daily life. I shall also find it easier to control my unreasoning desires, since I shall more easily see how unreasonable and foolish they are. Lord, help me share Your holy wisdom by following it in my daily life.

AMEN.

IMPRIMI POTEST: John J. McMahon, S.J. Provincial of Province of N.Y.

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February 1954, N.Y.

AFTER MAKING YOU THINK AND PRAY,
LET'S HAVE A TIME TO REFLECT ON GOD'S
BEAUTIFUL CREATION IN NATURE...
TIME FOR A "MINI RETREAT"

