



St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Reaching Out to the World



2017 February

Reflection

"I know that you are frantically seeking happiness and truth; that is God. The first thing you are seeking is not possible for you or anyone on this earth, which is a valley of tears where everybody must carry his cross. Happiness, in fact, is not of this world. The second thing, God, you can find, if you want to...Purify your heart of every human passion, humble yourself to the earth and pray. In this way you will certainly find God, who will give you serenity and peace in this world and eternal beatitude in the next."

As you reflect upon these words of St. Padre Pio, you can't help but think of St. Bernadette. She was humble and pure of heart even though the Immaculate Conception told her, "I cannot promise you happiness in this world only in the next." Bernadette accepted all things with serenity and peace in this world. She said, "I am happier on my bed of pain than a queen on her throne. To obey is to love, suffering in silence for Christ is joy, to love sincerely is to give everything, above all suffering."



What lessons we have to learn from these two beloved Saints. We, who complain over the slightest discomfort or interruption in our plans or routine. Let us then pray for the grace to overcome any unruly passions and to possess a true and sincere spirit of humility so that we too may accept everything, most of all suffering, with peace and serenity and come to enjoy eternal happiness in the next world.

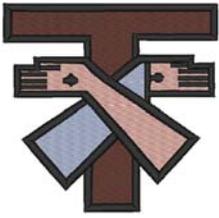
Reminder!

All professed members of the St. Padre Pio Secular Franciscan Fraternity should mark their calendars as their **attendance is required at the Saturday, March 4th Meeting to participate in the Chapter of Elections.** Ballots must be cast in person.



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Monthly Moment

“God is able to bless you abundantly so that you will abound in every good work.”
~ 2 Cor 9:8

Join Us in Action

All are invited to attend the local site of **The National Protest of Planned Parenthood on Saturday, February 11 at the Emerald Plaza in Stuart** (1/4 mile north of the Stuart Bridge on the west side of US1). Please join many others from across the nation to show our **peaceful and prayerful support of our Pro-Life Legislatures as they take the steps needed to Defund Planned Parenthood once and for all**. The time of this prayerful protest is from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. The rally will include praying the Rosary and singing of patriotic songs while witnessing to the local traffic. Contact Lisa Addeo at 772-260-9714 or by e-mail addeolisa@yahoo.com with questions or for further information.

Treasure Coast March for Life

On Saturday, January 21st, 200 - 300 pro-lifers gathered together for a peaceful pro-life march on the 44th anniversary of the Roe V Wade decision to legalize abortion in the United States. The march began on the corner of 12th and Delaware in Fort Pierce location of the local abortion clinic, A Woman’s World Medical Center, and across from the Pregnancy Care Center and the Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts K-8. Marchers walked about a mile, escorted by the Fort Pierce Police, to the City Hall located in the high traffic area at US-1 and Orange Avenue.



Above: Guest Speaker, Juliana Holihen, for “Teens for Life”

We pray that the scourge of abortion will be illegal before next year’s 45th anniversary of Roe V Wade, and instead of having a protest, we can have a celebration that the US is once again a country that protects the Right to Life.

Pictured below: Participants of the Treasure Coast March for Life 2017



Do you remember hearing this on the radio?

*I've traveled far, the land and the sea
Beautiful places I happened to be
One little town I'll never forget
Is Lourdes, the village of St. Bernadette*

*Ave, ave, ave Ma-ri-a
Ave, ave, ave Ma-ri-i-ia*

*There, like a dream, this wonderful night
I gazed at the grotto aglow in the light
A feeling divine swept over me there
I fell to my knees as I whispered the prayer*

*Ave, ave, ave Ma-ri-a
Ave, ave, ave Ma-ri-i-ia*

*Now I am home, I'm happy to be
Telling of places I've traveled to see
One little town I'll never forget
Is Lourdes, the village of St. Bernadette*

*Ave, ave, ave Ma-ri-a
Ave, ave, ave Ma-ri-i-ia*

This song, Village of St. Bernadette, sung by Andy Williams made it into the Billboard Hot 100 back in December 1959 and stayed there for 13 weeks.

Federal Government Steps Up to Protect the Unborn

On January 24th, the **No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 7)** was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives (238-183). This important pro-life legislation places in permanent law a consistent federal policy restricting subsidies for abortion and abortion coverage. The bill will also have to be passed by the U.S. Senate and signed by the president in order to become the law of the land.

