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October 2017



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MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

The Fatima apparitions are coming to a close on October 13th, 1917.

The Lord is with us always, but sometimes a sacrifice is required of us as the virgin explained to the three shepherds.

St Paul reminds us in Colossians that he rejoices in his sufferings for our sake, and he fills up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. We are lacking in His afflictions.

St. Francis asked to suffer like Christ did on the cross, and to have the love necessary to bear it.

May I urge you, whatever suffering you have, offer it up to God, for as long as you have it and can bear it, for the conversions of sinners and in Reparation for Blasphemy of Mary (who are all of us). Padre Pio did.

I humbly pray:

Pax et bonum,
Jose Ayala, OFS
Minister

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Council Meeting: Mon., August 28, 2017

6:15pm — Holy Spirit Catholic Church school building.

OCTOBER 3RD – Transience of St. Francis of Assisi

6:00pm – H.S.C.C. Chapel

Fraternity Meeting: Sat., October 14, 2017

9:15am — Gathering at H.S.C.C. School Room

9:30am — Formation:

Inquirers: *“Fun Manual”*

Candidates: *“Pick More Daisy”*

Ongoing: *“Reviewing the SFO Rule”*

10:00am — Fraternity Meeting



FRANCISCAN SAINTS – October
October – Month of the Holy Rosary
and the Holy Angels



4. Solemnity of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, d. 1226,
5. Commemoration of the Establishment of the 3 Orders
6. St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, Franciscan 3rd Order
7. Feast of the Holy Rosary
8. St. Bridget of Sweden, Franciscan 3rd Secular
9. Bl. Marie-Angele Truszkowska, 3rd Order
10. St. Daniel and Companions, Martyrs
11. Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady
12. St. Seraphin of Montegrano, lay brother, Capuchin
13. Bl. Pacifique de Valence, lay brother, Capuchin
14. St John of Dukla, Priest, Martyr
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother
16. Bl. Anicet de Dbrzno, Priest, Capuchin
17. Bl. Balthassar of Chiavari, Priest
18. Bl. James of Strepar, Bishop
19. St. Peter of Alcantara, Priest
20. Bl. Contardo Ferrini, Confessor, Franciscan 3rd Order Secular
21. Bl. Martyrs of Polonais,
22. Bl. John Baptist Bullaker, Priest, Franciscan
23. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, a tertiary
24. Bl. Josephine Leroux, Virgin, a "Poor Clare" martyr
26. Bl. Martyrs of the War of Spain
27. Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza
28. Bl. Anne-Eugenie Picco, Virgin, a tertiary
29. Bl. Thomas of Florence, lay brother, Franciscan
30. Bl. Angelo of Acre, Priest, Capuchin



PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY

Lucy Feliciano *10/01/2005*

Emily McDonald.....10/05/2013



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rosemary Safner, for a speedy recovery
David Ferreira
Vilma Ayala
Alice Powell
Sr. Madeleine Harper

The 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima



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During the night of 12-13 October it had rained throughout, soaking the ground and the pilgrims who make their way to Fátima from all directions by the thousands. By foot, by cart and even by car they came, entering the bowl of the Cova from the Fátima-Leiria road, which today still passes in front of the large square of the Basilica. From there they made their way down the gently slope to the place where a trestle had been erected over the little holm oak of the apparitions. Today on the site is the modern glass and steel Capelhina (little chapel), enclosing the first chapel built there and the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima where the holm oak had stood.

As for the children, they made their way to the Cova amid the adulation and skepticism which had followed them since May. When they arrived they found critics who questioned their veracity and the punctuality of the Lady, who had promised to arrive at noon. It was well passed noon by the official time of the country. However, when the sun arrived at its zenith the Lady appeared as she had said she would.

"What do you want of me?"

I want a chapel built here in my honor. I want you to continue saying the Rosary every day. The war will end soon, and the soldiers will return to their homes.

"Yes. Yes."

"Will you tell me your name?"

I am the Lady of the Rosary.

"I have many petitions from many people. Will you grant them?"

Some I shall grant, and others I must deny. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended!

"And is that all you have to ask?"

There is nothing more.

As the Lady of the Rosary rises toward the east she turns the palms of her hands toward the dark sky. While the rain had stopped, dark clouds continued to obscure the sun, which suddenly bursts through them and is seen to be a soft spinning disk of silver.

"Look at the sun!"

From this point two distinct apparitions were seen, that of the phenomenon of the sun seen by the 70,000 or so spectators and that beheld by the children alone. Lucia describes the latter in her memoirs.

After our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus seemed to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. When, a little later, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our lady; it seemed to me to that it was Our Lady of Sorrows (Dolors). Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished, and I saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel. [Only Lucia would see the later, presaging her entrance into Carmel some years later.]

This would be the last of the apparitions of Fátima for Jacinta and Francisco. However, for Lucia Our Lady would return a seventh time, in 1920, as she had promised the previous May. At that time Lucia would be praying in the Cova before leaving Fátima for a girls boarding school. The Lady would come to urge her to dedicate herself wholly to God.

As the children viewed the various apparitions of Jesus, Mary and Joseph the crowd witnessed a different prodigy, the now famous miracle of the sun. Among the witnesses there were the following:

Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint of the Day for October 4

(September 26, 1182 – October 3, 1226)

Saint Francis of Assisi's Story

[Francis of Assisi](#) was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."

From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman.

He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father—who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor—so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

But genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff" (*Luke 9:1-3*).

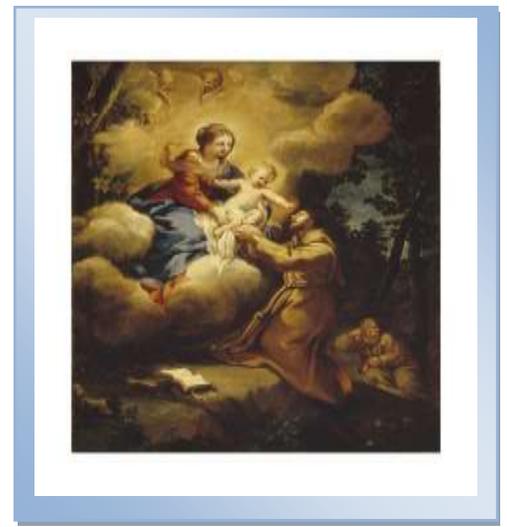
Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no intention of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.

Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at 44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again the last addition to his *Canticle of the Sun*, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang *Psalm 141*, and at the end asked his superior's permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

Reflection

Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God. In 1979, he was named patron of ecology. He did great penance—apologizing to "Brother Body" later in life—that he might be totally disciplined for the will of God. Francis' poverty had a sister, Humility, by which he meant total dependence on the good God. But all this was, as it were, preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life, summed up in the charity of Jesus and perfectly expressed in the Eucharist.



Saint Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of:

Animals	Archaeologists	Metal Workers	
Ecology	Messengers	Italy	Merchants