



# St. Francis Calling...

are you listening?

St. Anthony of Padua O.F.S. Boynton Beach, Fl.

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became brown and stinky because there was no life in them, they were no longer attached to the trunk of the tree that gave it life. John 15:5 **“I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing”.**

This is what happens when we detach from God, we no longer have life in us and we begin to fall into sin and sin begins to stink. How do we detach from God? By gossiping, jealousy, anger, judgment, lies and criticism.

We as Franciscans need to focus and keep our eyes on God because the minute we start to look another way we fall, like St. Peter did when he took his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink.

St. Francis kept focused on Jesus and his **joy** and **love** showed. It was contagious, he attracted a lot of people to his Franciscan Minor Order as a result. That is what we are called to do, to bring **JOY** and **LOVE** into the world for people to see. Let's us keep our eyes on Jesus always. Pax et Bonum.

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Oct. 15, 2017 was a special day for our St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity. Mary Ann Zauner, Jane Rader and Richard Aguiar were admitted into the Secular Franciscan Order and entered their final stage of Candidacy before the Rite of Profession.

I would like to share Fr. Richard's homily. Father gave us a great analogy. He used the hurricane as an example and our being attached to God. The hurricane caused the branches of the trees and the leaves to detach themselves from the branches and once on the ground the leaves

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HOMEWORK for November: "Capturing the Spirit of Francis and Clare"  
Chapter 6 Session one, pgs. 47-52 . "Time to Talk."

More "formation information"... We have new people in Orientation, Gilda Galdo, Myrlit Milan, Mary Ann Hannon, and Anthony Piccolino. May God and our father Francis guide and help you as you discern your calling. St Francis was praying before the San Damiano Cross when he received his mission. Pray this prayer daily to help you with your own discernment.

### St. Francis' Prayer for Discernment

Most High and glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart.  
Give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity. Lord, give me insight and wisdom so I might always discern and carry out Your holy and true will. Amen.

We also warmly welcome three new transfer members into our fraternity.  
Sandy Myron OFS, Mary McNally OFS, and Lillian Pramberger OFS.

November is the month for us to pray for the souls of those in purgatory. I would like to share something with you that I pray daily and hope and pray that you might also adopt this practice.

It is called the "Rosary for the Souls of Priests Suffering in Purgatory."

But, it is not the rosary that we are all familiar with, it is a specially made rosary. I have some of these rosaries that were made for me by a previous member of our fraternity;

Margaret Simone OFS. May God rest her soul.

If you are interested I will give you one of the rosaries.

First on the crucifix you pray the Creed. Then on the four yellow beads, you pray

"Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Pray for the souls of priests and nuns."

followed by 11 red beads (representing the blood of Jesus and the number of years he lived on earth). On these 11 beads you pray "Eternal Father, we offer you the most precious blood of Jesus, for the soul of the priest who in Purgatory suffers the most and is most abandoned."

( I change this us a bit and make it plural, so that way more priests' souls are released into Heaven!) Then repeat the four yellow beads followed by 11 red beads, etc. for a total of 3 sets of the yellow beads and 3 sets of the 11 red beads.

You may order this more complete booklet yourself by going to their website @

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It is a company in Italy. I am not sure what they charge for the booklet.

Thanks for your prayers for our priests in Purgatory and those still on earth!

Lesley V. OFS, editor

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of Professions for  
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Thanksgiving  
to one & all.**

