



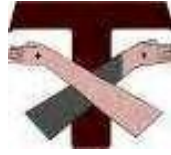
## The Newsletter of

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# EL ENCUENTRO/THE ENCOUNTER



May 2018



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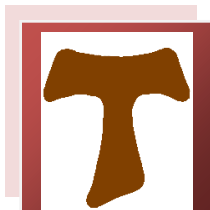
## ***MINISTER'S MESSAGE***

*"Rebuild my church" was the central theme for the Annual meeting in San Pedro. We all, as Third Order Franciscans, have to rebuild his church. The Lord reminds us to ask the Father in Jesus' name.*

*Have we asked Him for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, to the OFS? Have we asked for peace in the world? For an end to abortion? Have we asked Him "Who am I, Lord" like St. Francis did? Have we asked Him to learn how to forgive? Or how to give better? Or how to die to self?*

*Personally, I have to admit to you, no, I haven't asked everything I should ask.*

*Diligences, my fellow Franciscans. Diligences, because He wants us to rebuild His church.*



**Council Meeting: Fri., February 07, 2018**

6:30pm — Sharon Anderson Home

**Fraternity Meeting: Sat., May 12, 2018**

9:30am — Fraternity Meeting and Ongoing Formation

**Lesson Franciscan Spirituality:** ask the question, “**What is it about Francis that changed the Church in his own day** and what is it that can change the Church in our own day for the better?” Each age produces the saints that are right for their time: St Francis’s life was a **reproof to the worldliness of the Church in his day** just as the life of, for example, Padre Pio, with all the miracles associated with it, was a rebuke to the scientific 20th century. Speaking at Assisi on the feast of St Francis in 2013, **the Pope reminded his listeners that “the Christian cannot coexist with the spirit of the world”** – something the saint understood so well and practised with such unremitting austerity in his own life.

**ELECTION – SUN., SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

**Remember: Your Fair Share \$55.00**



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Deacon John  
Rosemary Shaffner  
Sr. Madeleine Harper  
Lucy Feliciano’s Sister and Brother

**PROFESSION CELEBRATION**

Georgia J Ferreira – May 13, 2000  
Carol Foy – May 06, 2017  
Sr. Madeleine Harper – May 13, 2000

*Happy Birthday*



*Karen Rooney – May 7th*  
*Rosemary Shaffer – May 19th*

**FRANCISCAN SAINTS FOR MAY**

**May – Month of the Holy Virgin Mary**

1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan
3. Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop,
4. Bl. Ladislav de Gielniow, Priest
5. Bl. Beinvenu Mareni, lay brother, religious
7. Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno, Virgin, 3rd-Order
8. *Feast of Mary Mediatrix of all Graces*
9. Bl. Antoine Bajewski, Priest, Conventual martyr
10. *The Ascension of the Lord*
12. St Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother, Capuchin
13. St. Michael Garicoits, Priest
15. St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Priest
18. St. Felix de Cantalice, lay brother, Capuchin
19. St. Yves, Priest, Franciscan 3rd Order
20. St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
20. **Pentecost**
21. St. Crispin of Viterbo, lay brother, Capuchin
22. St. Joaquina Vedruna, Virgin
23. Bl. Gerard of Villamagna, Confessor, 3rd Order
24. Bl. John of Prado, Priest, martyr
25. **Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi**
26. St. Philippe Neri, Priest
27. Bl. Gerard of Lunel, Confessor
29. Bl. Etienne et Raymond, Priest
30. St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, Franciscan 3rd Order Secular
31. *Feast of the Queenship of Mary*, Public Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost