



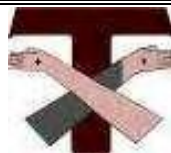
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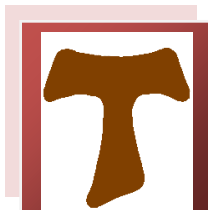
"Rebuild my church" was the central theme for the Annual meeting in San Pedro. We all, as Third Order Franciscans, have to rebuild his church. The Lord reminds us to ask the Father in Jesus' name.

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.

Jose Ayala, OFS



Council Meeting: Sat. July 14, 2018

Following our fraternity meeting

Fraternity Meeting: Sat., July 14, 2018

9:30am — Fraternity Meeting and Ongoing Formation

Lesson: ECHOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL (have on hand: SFO Rule & Catechism of the Cath. Church)

Ecology and environmental issues are the talk of our day. It is so well presented in our SFO Rule, art. 11: "Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children".

ELECTION – SUN., SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Remember: Your Fair Share \$55.00

FRANCISCAN SAINTS

July

Month of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

1. Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady
- [4. 40 Martyrs of China](#)
6. St. Maria Goretti, Martyr
8. St. Elizabeth of Portugal
10. 8 Martyrs of the Franciscan 1st Order of Damas
- [14. St. Bonaventure, Bishop](#)
16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel;
19. St. Vincent de Paul, Priest,
- [21. St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Capuchin](#)
26. St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
28. Bl. Marie-Therese of the Infant Jesus
31. St. Ignace de Loyola, Priest



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Deacon John
Rosemary Shaffner
Sr. Madeleine Harper
Lucy Feliciano's Sister



MONTHLY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

May – Karen Rooney
June – Georgia J Ferreira
July – Alice Powell

Happy Birthday



July

Alice Powell – 04th
Jessie Trevino – 19th
Georgia J Ferreira – 25nd
Jose Ayala – 26th

Please pray for our beloved sister,
Nancy Matthewson



passed away on June 22, 2018.

ST FRANCIS AND ECOLOGY



St. Francis was a great lover of God's creation, before there was such a word as environmentalist. He exemplifies many of the best attributes of what it means to be an environmentalist today, but he was not an environmentalist in the modern sense of the word.

What can 21st-century Catholics learn from St. Francis?

My recommendation is to look to Francis as an example of someone who prayed in nature and discovered more about God and himself through the practice of contemplative prayer in nature. Francis spent a third to half of each year praying in nature and the wilderness, living in hermitages, caves, under lean-to's, on mountainsides, and he interspersed this with preaching. There was something about that experience of being intimately related to creation itself that helped him grow more fully into the mystery of God. And that's what we are desperately in need of today, because we are so alienated from the earth and from ourselves.