

"ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY"

Pensacola/Milton, Florida

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church

Fraternity meeting day, is at present, every 3rd Saturday of the month:

8:00 am Crown Rosary; 9:00 am Mass; 10:00 am Meeting

Our Council meets after our regular Fraternity meeting, or, at our Minister's home, if needed.

Our Fraternity's Council has changed:

2 members permanently with drawn

2 more members changed to: Active Withdrawn

4 remaining Active members: 2 Officers; 2 Counselors

The "Books Used" during our meetings are:

The Bible

The Franciscan Journey

Essential Documents of the SFO

Ritual of the SFO

Rule of the SFO (new brown version)

On-Going Formation:

For our Candidate: The Franciscan Journey; The New Testament Bible; and books on St. Francis & Sr. Clare.

During our meetings we discuss many things, including what's going on with any facets of information coming from the Vatican and our Holy Father. We embrace the 3 Pillars of Synod.

Our goals are to listen more with the eyes of the Church.

We do not have any type of newsletter to share.

Our Apostolic works, at present (and due to a shortage of a Professed Active Members), are charitable donations.

The members of our Fraternity, individually, attend daily and other Masses, as Special Masses (i.e. Franciscan), funerals, etc.

We have not had anything concerning JPIC, YOUFRA, Ecumenical Outreach, or Vocations, happen in our Fraternity.

Besides continual prayer to increase vocations of Secular Franciscans in our Fraternity, we have done the following:

- (a) Sent invitations to join our Mass and meetings to individuals we feel are wonderful candidates**
- (b) In our Church bulletins we have been putting the dates and times of our 3rd Saturday Mass, meetings etc....along with quips about the Secular Franciscan Order**

2023

A Fraternity member was at both the March retreat and the Regional San Pedro meeting in Winter Park, Florida.

Two members and one Affiliate were present at the Transitus ceremony by the statue of our Founder St. Francis outside of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on October third 2023.

2024

We've scheduled special Franciscan Mass intentions for the entire year, as well as, a November Sanctuary Lamp Burning for one week for another Franciscan intention.

A Note About Our Fraternity:

This year of 2023 has seen many changes for our Fraternity. After losing our Spiritual Advisor, Formation Director, and President there was a heavy pall of sadness over our remaining Fraternity members.

Then personal reasons were factors and our Treasurer, On-Going Formation Director, and Vice President positions became vacant.

At present we have 4 Professed Members and 2 Affiliates, as well as, 1 candidate in our Fraternity.

Financially we are able to pay our Celebrant stipends; make charitable donations (although much less) and order books and things our Fraternity needs for on-going formation.

Even though our Fraternity may seem small to some, the love and friendship that we have for God, the Holy Spirit, our Blessed Mother, our Founder St. Francis and each other is stronger than ever.

Our projection for the coming year of 2024 is this:

That we will continue to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis who is a perfect example of how to love God- with your whole heart, mind, being , and soul.

As far as reaching out to our Regional Council, they are always quick to lend their help in any situation.

Our Fraternity's greatest challenge this year has getting past all of the challenges we've faced.

Our Fraternity's strongest assets are our Members!!

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