

# Sandal Prints

St. Clare Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order  
July 2018

## Our Vision:

To be a contemporary incarnation of Christ Jesus as a vibrant fraternity in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi through contemplation of the Gospel, on-going conversion and service to others.

## Our Mission:

St. Clare Franciscan fraternity makes a difference every day, enhancing the lives of everyone they encounter by being the living presence of St. Francis of Assisi.

## Our Values:

Everyone in St. Clare fraternity is committed to:

- On-going conversion
- Living the Gospel
- Fraternal life in community
- Incarnational spirituality in Christ
- Service to the poor and marginalized
- Contemplation of Christ through Francis and Clare

## Minister's Message

by Evelyn Brush, OFS

Friends,

My heart has been crushed this last month as families were torn apart. I can only imagine the pain and anguish of not knowing where my child is, no matter what country I was standing in. Since I am involved with catechesis, I find some helpful videos on many faith-based topics. One of my favorite people to listen to on YouTube is Fr. Mike Schmitz, a campus minister in Duluth, Minnesota. Here is his take on the immigration issue facing our country. You can see it here: <https://youtu.be/J8FY4roMqmQ>

*"What's a Catholic stance on immigration? What's a Catholic to do when it comes to the issue of immigration? I want to treat it with the seriousness that it deserves. This is a complex situation that requires a broad approach. I can give you some Christian principles; they are the principles that God Himself and the Church have offered to us.*

*Principle **number one**: we believe as Catholic Christians that all human beings are made in God's image and likeness and must be treated as such.*

*Principle **number two**: When it comes to borders, a country, a sovereign nation, has a right and a responsibility to protect its sovereign borders. It's literally one of the goals of the government is to protect its own borders to policy or monitor its own borders; to take care of who comes in and who doesn't get to come in. This is the reason why you and I have locks in our doors. You and I get to say: I'm responsible for the people living under this roof so I'm also going to be responsible (because I have a right and a duty) to make sure that people who are coming in and leaving are not going to harm my children.*

*It's the duty of a government to monitor its borders. Not only do they have*

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## July

### Gatherings

8 Fraternity Picnic Potluck  
1:15 pm  
Christ the King Catholic Church  
7414 SE Michael Dr., Milwaukie, OR

### Birthdays

1 Bruce Siggins  
4 Clare Reidy  
7 Kay Haberlach  
11 Rosmarie Furrer

### Profession Anniversaries

2 Lete Davis—57 yrs  
10 Jim Burns—32 yrs  
2 Mary Dugas—30 yrs

### Refreshments & Vespers

July 8, 2018  
Fraternity Picnic Potluck

August 11, 2018  
70th Anniversary of Fraternity

September 9, 2018  
Mary Lou Betzing, Bruce Siggins,  
Barbara Allen

### Ongoing Formation

July 8, 2018  
Fraternity Picnic Potluck

August 11, 2018  
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of St. Clare Fraternity

September 9, 2018  
Francis/ Divinity of Christ/  
Cosmic Christ

### Seeking Fraternity Photos

In preparation for our upcoming 70th anniversary celebration, Allyn Rapcinski is asking members to send her any photos of our fraternity, especially those of celebrations such as professions. She would like hard copies of photos from the last ten years or so. Allyn will collect photos at the fraternity picnic, as well as by mail.

### 2021 Quinquennial (Q)

Start saving! The 2021 Quinquennial Congress will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona, Wednesday, August 18, 2021 through Sunday, August 22, 2021.

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*the right to do that, they have the responsibility to do that. People should respect those laws, provided that they're not unjust. There is a difference between a law that you don't like and a law that is unjust. There's a difference between a law that is difficult and a law that is unfair. So, keep that in mind, we are not talking about policy but principle.*

*Number one: each person is made in God's image. Treat others like that.*

*Number two: it is the right and the duty of a government to protect its own borders*

**Number three:** *The Catechism states in paragraph 2241: the more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent that they're able, to welcome the foreigner in search of security and means of livelihood that they cannot find in their country of origin.*

*Let's say that again: the more prosperous nations are obliged to the extent that they're able, to welcome the foreigner in search of opportunities and in search of asylum, essentially security, that they're not able to get in their country of origin.*

*The head that says it's the duty of a country to monitor its borders because the duty of a country is first to its own citizens and then to those outside. But then here's your heart that says the more prosperous the nation is the more it's obligated, to the extent that it's able, to welcome the foreigner in search of livelihood or security. The United States is quite a prosperous nation, but that does not mean "no borders." What that means is, our intention, how we look at borders and immigration, has to be directed by those three basic principles.*

*But here's where we must start thinking like Christians and, thinking like the Christians did from really long ago, all the way up until recently. St. Ambrose once said if you have two coats and your neighbor has zero coats, your second coat belongs to your neighbor. So, if you're prosperous with more than you need, and your neighbor has nothing then go give what you have to them. Because ultimately, if you're a follower of Christ it belongs to them. Not because it's **just** but because it's **love**. Not because you must (they're not entitled to it) but because you're following Jesus. We must have the hearts that can say "Hmm, what I have an abundance of, belongs to those who don't have anything."*

*This doesn't mean what many of us might hear: if you have two coats and your neighbor has zero ask the government to give them a coat. That's a lot of times what we do. When there's a big problem out there and someone needs to do something, let's ask the government to do this. We need the government for a lot of things, but we don't need the government to take care of the poor. We don't need the government to take care of our brothers and sisters. If you're a Christian, this is crazy.*

*If you're a Christian realize that a lot of people coming across the border are also Christians. And, if you're Catholic, a lot of them are Catholic. We see those who are baptized as truly our brothers and sisters. In fact, from ancient times of Christianity you would see those who are baptized as more your sibling, more fully a brother or sister, than those who were of biological origin with you.*

*I need to allow my heart to be opened so I can use my mind even more. To say "If that's my brother or sister on the border, what should I do? What can I do to be motivated with my heart, to use my mind to say, "How can we solve this issue?" "How can we help our brothers and sisters?" Not to say everyone has to come in but to say how can I help those who's seeking asylum. How can I help those who are seeking a new life, a livelihood, because that person is my sibling? I am intensely and personally motivated to make sure that both my siblings, who are here in this country, and my siblings who are seeking asylum in this country, are treated in God's image and likeness and as a brother or sister in Christ?"*

*As Catholics we need to hold on to these principles as we try to seek an answer."*  
*(Fr. Mike Schmitz, Ascension Presents)*

Peace and All Good,

Evelyn

You are invited to  
**St. Clare Fraternity's**  
**70th Anniversary Celebration**  
for St. Clare and San Buenaventura Family and Friends

**Saturday, August 11**  
Mass at 11:00 am  
Followed by luncheon in the Social Hall

St. Clare Parish  
8535 SW 19th Ave  
Portland, OR 97219

RSVP to Lynne or Jim Burns  
360-944-7504



## Catholic Climate Covenant

Last month our fraternity agreed to join with other Catholic organizations to say “Catholics Are Still In”. It was a campaign to show support for the Paris Accord on Climate Change. Below is a letter we received from the umbrella organization.

Dear Minister Brush,

On behalf of Catholic Climate Covenant’s episcopal liaison, Bishop Richard Pates, as well as our board, staff, and partners, I thank you for Saint Clare Fraternity’s endorsement of the Catholic Climate Declaration. The Declaration announces your support for the Paris Climate Agreement and affirms our shared commitment in prayer, word and deed to meet its goals for the sake of the one human family and Our Common Home.

On Monday June 18, the third anniversary of the release of *Laudato Si’*, Bishop Pates and other Catholic leaders announced on a tele-press conference that nearly 600 institutions had signed the Declaration. The leaders also shared the remarkable faith-based actions they are taking in charity and justice to address climate change. Several media outlets covered the event including *Catholic News Service* and *National Catholic Reporter*.

Since that time, more Catholic institutions have signed on, expanding to over 600 institutions, including 40 archdioceses and dioceses. We welcome your help in encouraging other Catholic leaders to sign on until September 12 when we will showcase our shared commitment at the Global Climate Action Summit.

In Christ,

Jose Aguto  
Associate Director  
Catholic Climate Covenant

### 45th Annual Our Lady of Peace Institute in Catholic Teaching

**Tuesday, July 17**  
**Evening Session: 7:15-9:15 pm**  
**\$10 (no registration necessary)**

Rev. John Horgan: “The Crucifix of San Damiano - Contemplating Christ Crucified with the eyes and heart of St. Francis”

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## Spiritual Reflections

by Sr. Loretta Schapp, osf

The Franciscan “breeze” from last month’s reflection is moving with more strength now as the Secular Franciscan Order celebrates 40 years of the Rule of Paul VI. June 24, 2018 marks the beginning of a Jubilee year of celebration.

Lester Bach, OFM, Cap has been a significant spiritual guide for the Secular Franciscans over these 40 years. His numerous writings and reflections have challenged Seculars to deepen their vocation. In his work, *Seeking a Gospel Life*, (2008) he ends this work by inviting Secular Franciscans to live their lives with a “Franciscan flavor”. But he says, it may not be “amendable to every palate.” The Franciscan vocation is one way to bring the Franciscan “flavor and understanding to the Church and to the world.”

So what is that Franciscan “flavor”? The Rule of 1978 offers a rich palate of flavors to savor the Franciscan call which is: (quoted from *Seeking a Gospel Life*)

- That we know and follow the call from God.
- That the call reflects the vision of the Gospel.
- That the call brings people together in faith and love.
- That the call invites us to bring peace and justice to all people.
- That the call deals realistically with the enticements that power, prestige and possessions can offer.
- That the call brings us to a sense of prayerfulness.
- That the call creates an atmosphere of *shalom* where people are respected, loved and live in an atmosphere of acceptance and support.
- That the call nudges us to the work of creating a “beatitude” atmosphere for building the reign of God.
- That the call invites us to fulfill our prophetic role in the Church and the world.
- That the call expects us to be a model of gospel love / open to the work of the Holy Spirit / ready to bring positive alternatives to a struggling world and Church.
- That the call touches both our lives and our words.  
Our goal is to offer good news to all people.
- That the call brings joy which we share with others.
- That the call offers hope which we bring to the world.

So, which flavor is sweet for you? Which flavor is not so sweet and acquires a taste to get used to?

### Celebrate the Rule

CIOFS, our international fraternity, has prepared a special gift for us to help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Rule. It is a 12-minute video, entitled, “Forty years of the ‘New’ Rule. A Treasure for the OFS.” It provides an historical perspective on the Rule of 1978 and a beautiful summary. You can view the English version at <https://youtu.be/Y2eUXrAuWO4>



# Notes from May's Gathering

by Lynne Burns, OFS

Charism and Mission in the Order of Franciscan Seculars (from the FUN manual)

- Charism- a gift, a grace, natural inclination towards something, for example a person might have a gift of being able to communicate well or explain something clearly to others. Another example could be the charism of encouragement or exhortation. Our charism or gift is also a "way of being" such as being humble or having humility (he is humble or down to earth).
- Franciscan Charism- as Secular Franciscans we have received the grace of vocation to follow the life experience of St. Francis (our Founder). "it's preserved and passed down" We are called to understand our Franciscan charism (love of Christ) and to live it out in a way God asks us to in this period of time.
- St. Bonaventure speaks of St. Francis as the most Christ-like of men, he imitated Christ the Son of God. Francis was able to think with the mind of the Son, see with the eyes of the Son and to see all creation as brothers and sisters. He shows us the love of the Son by the way he tried to be like Jesus.
- Transformation-St. Francis had many conversion experiences like the story where he embraced the man with leprosy and saw Christ in the person.
- Franciscan Spirituality is characterized especially by intense Eucharistic life (self emptying or self surrender. Philippians "though He was in the form of God He did not deem equality with God something to be grasped, but He emptied Himself"
  - poverty
  - minority-humility
  - simplicity
  - obedience
  - chastity
  - fraternity
  - specific way Francis followed the total Christ
- Mission-Repair the Church or God's House. Many opportunities to repair our Church such as helping the poor, visiting the imprisoned, helping to form young people (Faith Formation) etc. It looks different for each person because we bring our Franciscan charism (Christ- His love) to our community.
- Euglogy of Tom Bello by Jan Parker from Tau-USA publication Summer of 2016 (issue 88)  
"To live the Franciscan life is a call on our heart and a true vocation; it is a call that Tom heard and followed. Tom offered himself as a servant of God and by God's grace, he became a wonderful gift to the Order, to the world and to each of us who knew

him. He was so joyful, bringing hope and joy to others, walking the path of peace; embracing the poor and living a life of mercy and forgiveness. His arms were outreached to all. He lived simply, with profound humility. Tom rejoiced always in the total goodness of God and in all God's creation He rejoiced in the overflowing love of a God who poured himself out for us by becoming one like us in the Incarnation....Tom always said, The focus is Christ, The end is salvation. The way is love."

- Article 1 of our Rule  
"The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God - laity, religious and priests-who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi.
- In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church."
- Faith Sharing prompts:  
What stands out to you about this session?  
Which Franciscan has been inspirational in your life?  
What change (s) may occur in your actions or life as a result of today? (ref. Article7)

## A Summary of June's Day Retreat

by Lynne Burns, OFS

Our June fraternity gathering was a day retreat on the theme of Fraternity and Francis, utilizing material from the FUN manual.

Our retreat facilitator was Clare Reidy. We began our day with the Common of the Third Order morning prayer and sang the hymn "Where There is Love" (David Haas).

We began by considering the idea of relationship. God is a relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit of Love. We demonstrate similar loving relationships in our lives. We too are made in the image and likeness of God. We are called to be a fraternity in community; to reflect the Trinity.

Francis did a lot on his own such as praying, converting, repairing a church, working with people with leprosy, etc. It wasn't until after the Lord gave him brothers that Francis began to understand his purpose. "After the Lord gave me brothers, he showed me what to do." Francis called them brothers, not followers.

We find our calling in our fraternity and listen and follow what our Pope teaches us. What does the Church ask of us? In 2002 Pope John Paul II "the Church expects from the unique Secular Franciscan Order great

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service to the cause of the kingdom of God in the world today. She wishes your Order to be a model of organic structural and charismatic union at all levels, in such a way as to present itself to the world as a 'community of love'. (Rule SFO 26). The Church expects you, secular Franciscans, to give a bold and consistent witness of Christian and Franciscan life, with the aim of building a more fraternal and evangelical world and so bringing about the Kingdom of God. (John Paul II's message to the General Chapter of the SFO.)

Faith sharing then occurred in small groups of 3. We shared about "Why or how do you see fraternity as a defining aspect of the Secular Franciscan Order?" "Pope John Paul II called us to bear witness by being a "community of love", what does that mean?"

We fraternally attended Eucharist at St. Clare parish and then shared lunch together.

The afternoon started with music "Ubi Caritas" ( Bob Hurd).

Ephesians 4:1-6 "I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." This scripture reference was the focus of our large group faith sharing.

Then we discussed the aspects of fraternity as found in our Rule and the Constitution.

In small groups we discussed "What does fraternity mean to you?" "How has fraternity helped your Franciscan vocation grow?" "In what ways has it been a hindrance?"

After personal quiet reflection time we joined with one other for an "Emmaus" walk. "What does fraternity have to do with your Franciscan walk? What has the Spirit been saying to you today through this gathering?"

Deacon Bill McNamara from St. Clare parish prayed a blessing over us as a large group.

We met as a large group with "Servant Song" 'will you be my servant..., and reflected on what idea or image, or experience today was most meaningful to you? How will you take it forward from today in your life?

Some responses were shared: Living for the other, send cards/call to keep in touch, yearning for commitment, be a light to the world as Francis did, learning, what's missing is me, intentional, relationship more than education, keep moving forward, tangible service, and prayer.

We closed with intercessory prayer.



## Prayer for Migrant Families Separated at the Border

*"I am truly your merciful Mother,  
yours and all the people who live united in this land  
and of all the other people of different ancestries, who  
love me, those who seek me, those who trust in me.*

*Here I will hear their weeping, their complaints  
and heal all their sorrows, hardships and sufferings...  
Know and understand, I do not lack servants and  
messengers to whom I can give the task of carrying  
out my words, who will carry out my will.*

*But it is very necessary that you plead my cause  
and, with your help and through your mediation,  
that my will be fulfilled."*

*Words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego, 1531*

Lord God,

in your eyes no one is a stranger, an outsider,  
an "illegal."

Protect all who come to our borders in  
search of a better future for their families.

Touch the hearts of our leaders that families  
may be reunited  
and justice may be tempered with mercy.

Heal the pain of those who undergo  
separation and keep the children safe from  
all harm.

Show us how to be generous and to make  
room for others in this land,  
for we are all your sons and daughters.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## 12 Months of Franciscan Peace

Adapted from the 12 Weeks of Franciscan Peace by Carolyn D. Townes, OFS, National Chair for JPIC in the United States

*Each month focuses on one specific PEACE building block and will include a connection to the previous month, a short explanation of the month's theme, a Psalm fragment, a Reflection Question and a prayer for the Month.*

The thought for the **last month was PRAYER**. Everything that we do and say must be embodied in a spirit of prayer. When we pray, we must surrender to the will of God and not our own wills and wants.

### **Psalm Fragment:**

"The Lord has heard my supplication;  
The Lord will receive my prayer." ~ Psalm 6:9

**Reflection Question:** Do you pray for your will alone or for your will to meet God's grace?

**Prayer for the month was:** the Peace Prayer.

### **Month 2 :**

The thought for this month is **Empathy**. It has been said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Empathy is the ability to imagine oneself in another's place and understand the other's feelings, desires, ideas, and actions; putting yourself in the shoes of the other. Instead of empathy, we tend instead to have a strong urge to give advice or reassurance and to explain our own position or feeling. Empathy, on the other hand, requires focusing full attention on the other person's message. We give to others the time and space they need to express themselves fully and to feel understood.

*There was a time at the very beginning when Francis and his brothers lived at a place near Assisi called Rivo Torto. At Rivo Torto they fasted and did penance with all the enthusiasm and sometimes the imprudence of novices in the life of the Spirit, as the following story shows. One night, as they all lay sleeping soundly, a loud cry broke into their dreams: "I am dying! I am dying! Help me!"*

*And the brothers, startled from their sleep, saw St. Francis already at the side of the terrified brother. "What is it, brother? Tell me." And though he was now embarrassed, the brother overcame shame and said: "Forgive me, Father Francis; but I am dying of hunger." Then St. Francis immediately ordered the brothers to light a torch and go out and gather some herbs and vegetables and whatever else they could find for all of them to have a good, nourishing meal. He said this so that the poor brother would not have to be*

*humiliated by eating alone. And so all the brothers set themselves eagerly to the task of preparing a meal and then they all sat down with the hungry brother and ate a midnight supper. [From Tales of St. Francis by Murray Bodo, OFM]*

The key ingredient of empathy is presence: we are wholly present with the other party and what they are experiencing. This quality of presence distinguishes empathy from either mental understanding or sympathy. Francis was not just sympathetic, but he empathized with the brother and gathered all the brothers so as not to let this hungry brother be humiliated by eating alone.

### **Psalm Fragment:**

"You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." ~ Psalm 16:11

**Reflection Question:** When someone is in need, do you offer them your presence or your advice?

**Prayer for the Month:** "Lord, grant me the spirit of patience to be present to someone who is hurting or in need. May I be Your presence to them. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen."



## Pope Francis on the Eucharist



"We must not forget that we celebrate the Eucharist in order to become Eucharistic men and women. What does this mean? It means allowing Christ to act within our deeds: that his thoughts may be our thoughts, his feelings our own, his choices our choices too..."

[P]artaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us

to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognized, served, honored and loved by us (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1397)."

— Pope Francis,  
General Audience, Apr. 4, 2018





## Franciscan Saints and Blessed

### JULY

- 8 St. Gregory Grassi
- 9 St. Nicholas Pick and Companions
- 10 St. Veronica Giuliani
- 12 Sts. John Jones and John Wall
- 13 Bl Angeline of Marsciano
- 14 St. Francis Solano
- 15 St. Bonaventure
- 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- 23 St. Cunegunda
- 23 St. Bridget of Sweden
- 24 Bl. Louise of Savoy
- 27 Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinegro

## July Prayer Intentions

*To underline our communion with the Pope, we offer the intention of the Holy Father for the month and an intention for OFS according to the life and important events of the Order.*

**Priests and their Pastoral Ministry:** That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

**OFS:** For the national fraternities of Rwanda and for the Pan-African Congress.

## A Patron Saint for the Jubilee Year

Our National Minister, Jan Parker, made a surprising suggestion in her last Minister's Message. "I would like to suggest a patron saint for our Jubilee year, one that perhaps may surprise you. It has occurred to me only recently that the date of the approval of our 1978 Rule – June 24 – is the same date on which we celebrate the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This is so interesting! We can easily see some connections. St. John the Baptist called all to repentance, to conversion, and his life was one of poverty and humility. When the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" He said, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (See Luke 3:10-14). Is this not a call to the Franciscan life?

Another interesting fact is that the feast of St. John's birth occurs six months from the birth of Christ, and close to the summer solstice. From June 24 forward, days grow shorter and light decreases. This is a tribute to St. John who said, "I must decrease" (See John 3:28-30). Six months from now at Christmas, Christ our Light appears, shattering the darkness. Let us meditate on how John the Baptist models for us a true "kenosis" – a pouring out of self to make room for Christ – "*He must increase.*" May St. John the Baptist continue to point us to Christ, the true Light of this world, as we celebrate our Rule, and our call to live the Gospel."

## Treasurer's Report

by Jim Burns, OFS

Month ending May 31, 2018

Account balances	\$ 3088.66
General Income	\$ 235.00
General Expenses*	\$ 135.00

As of June 25, 2018

Account Balances	\$ 3176.95
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*\*Expenses include monthly and necessary budgeted expenses to operate the Fraternity.*

Contributions may be mailed to the Fraternity Treasurer at:  
St. Clare Treasurer, 14917 NE 87th St.,  
Vancouver, WA 98682

"Regarding expenses necessary for the life of the fraternity and the needs of worship, of the apostolate, and of charity, all the brothers and sisters should offer a contribution according to their means."

—Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, Chapter 25

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