

Pentecost

May 19



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Depiction of the [Holy Spirit](#) as a dove, by [Gian Lorenzo Bernini](#), in the apse of [Saint Peter's Basilica](#).



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The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Mary in the form of tongues of flames [Duccio di Buoninsegna \(1308\)](#).

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May, 2024

Newsletter of the San Luis Rey
Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Monthly Gatherings: 2nd Sundays

May Gathering: 3rd Sunday

May 19 Sunday:

12 noon Social Time in our Gathering Rm

12:40 pm Prayer in St. Clare Chapel

1 to 3 pm General Monthly Gathering

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Next Month General Gathering:

2nd Sunday: June 9, 2023

Login for May Zoom: Note **NEW Zoom ID & password**

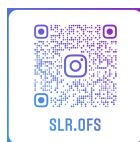
www.zoom.us Click on: [Join](#) in toolbar on right

Meeting ID: **871 4460 4825** Passcode: **1978**

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Minister's Note for May

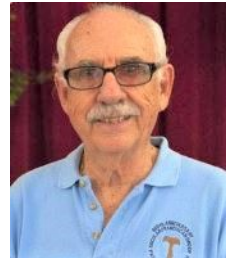
Dear San Luis Rey Fraternity family,

Our calendar is so full this May! The first thing is that hopefully everyone received the email about changing the date of our meeting this month only. In order to avoid scheduling concerns for people on Mother's Day, the council decided to move the monthly gathering to the following week, which happens to be Pentecost Sunday! Our theme for this gathering will be ... Pentecost! Also, please make sure you respond to the email so we know you know about the change.

Of course, May is always the Blessed Mother's month, and one lovely way for us to honor Our Lady is by praying the Franciscan Crown rosary. <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/franciscan-crown-rosary/> Wouldn't it be great if we celebrated Mother's Day with the Crown?



We have all been offering prayers for our brother Rock and our sister Jan. Jan let us know that Rock's funeral Mass will be held 11:00am, May 25th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 26340 Soboba St., Hemet, CA 92544. Given the distance (and scheduling conflict with the OFS Serra retreat), Jan has decided that there will be a memorial Mass here at the Mission during the summer. This will provide us all an opportunity to pay our respects to Rock, to honor his life and service to the Order over the years, and to support our dear sister Jan. Please watch for an email with details.



Please mark your calendars for the annual Serra Retreat, which will be held May 24-26 in Malibu (to register please see the flyer attached to this email). Our regional minister, Caroline Yandell, has encouraged us to attend, and said that there will be books and logo items for sale, for those of us (like me!) who like such things. I hope that many of us will be able to attend this year.

Lastly, we need to talk about participation. As we all know, we were truly fortunate to have had Laura's expertise in both shepherding and technology, which got us through the staying-home part of the pandemic. Not everyone was (or is) interested in or adept at Zooming, so the council at the time made the decision to not insist on attendance, and thus no one was "lapsed" during that time. It is now time to resume participation. We are continuing to Zoom the meeting for those who, for whatever reason, cannot attend in person. It may be the case that some of us will want to become "emeritus," which automatically excuses one from attending. Please pray about this and let the council know if you decide to become emeritus, or if you just want to talk about options. We're here to serve, and will help any way we can, including finding rides, so that people don't become "lapsed" because they stopped attending without being excused. Plus ... we miss you!

I pray we all have a wonderful Mother's Day and a blessed May!

Connie, OFS



*Connie Collins, OFS
Minister, San Luis Rey Fraternity*



Our History

Waves of Catholics, some of them Third Order members, emigrated from Europe in the nineteenth century due to various good reasons: industrial changes, political upheaval, anti-Catholic sentiment, or for a better way of life. Because of their religion, languages, and culture, they grouped together to form Catholic communities in their new cities and parishes. The newcomers brought with them their ethnic saints and festivals.

Third Order communities searched for Franciscan friars and, at the same time, the Church became aware of the need for friars who were from the same emigres' countries and who spoke the language of these Third Order groups. The connection was made and Third Order fraternities were formed. Records indicate that a fraternity was formed in Trenton, New Jersey in 1849.

Eventually, since the friars belonged to Provinces, fraternities where the friars were Spiritual Directors for, became Third Order Provinces.

After Third Order Provinces were formed, the need for a National Organization became evident. Friars first addressed this need early in the twentieth century. They decided that a Franciscan gathering held in an auditorium in Chicago in 1921 would be a first step. The gathering was a total success. The auditorium, which seats 4300, was filled with tertiaries and friars. (See Picture Below.) This became the First Quinquennial Congress.



One of the directives that came out of the Chicago Convention was, "That the plan to create a National Third Order organization be carried out; the structure based on a federation of Third Order provinces, each made up of fraternities affiliated with said provinces, as well as fraternities with no affiliation."

by William Wicks, OFS, Former National Minister and Historian of the Secular Franciscan Order

Source: Bill Wicks: *A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States Vol 1 1917-1942*
To order Bill's book (\$14 and shipping) go to the last page of any [TAU-USA Magazine](#) on how to order. Proceeds support NAFRA. Pay with check or Credit Card (small convenience fee applies).

St. Joan of Arc



Miniature depicting Jeanne d'Arc from *The Lives of Famous Women*, by Jean Pichore [fr] (1506, Musée Dobrée, Nantes, France)

Perhaps you will be as surprised as I to learn that St Joan of Arc is a Franciscan saint who we celebrate on May 30. You may feel that you know all about Joan, but if not you may want check out a biography by Mark Twain.

According to Wikipedia Joan's family were very religious and when she was about 12, she had a vision. She said an angel told her to lead the French in a battle against the English and to take back her homeland from English rule. She was also told to take Charles, the eldest child of France's former king, to reclaim the throne of the city of Rheims.

Joan had more visions during her teenage years, which she believed were coming from God. When she was 16, she decided to take action. Joan asked a town official to take her to Charles to seek permission to lead an army. The official just laughed at her, but Joan didn't give up. She continued to hear voices and also made some extraordinary predictions. When these predictions came true, Joan gained the support of local leaders. Before long she was taken to the royal court.

Joan had to travel through some dangerous territory. She cut her hair short and dressed like a man so she wouldn't be recognized. Charles was suspicious of such a young girl at first and had her questioned by church representatives. Eventually he allowed her to lead an army to the city of Orleans, which was being held by the English. Although she didn't fight in the battles she encouraged the soldiers bravery. She dressed as a knight and carried a flag instead of a sword.

Word got around about Joan and her visions. The people of Orleans greeted her with cheers and celebrations thinking God might save them from English rule. Joan's army fought hard and although Joan was wounded by an arrow, she didn't give up! After some fierce fighting the English eventually retreated from Orleans and Joan's army had won a great victory..

She then persuaded the army to take the city of Rheims where Charles was crowned king in 1429. Joan was given a place of honor at his coronation.

Unfortunately Joan was captured during the battle of Burgundy and sold to the English. She was accused of witchcraft and dressing like a man. Not wishing to threaten his newly returned crown, the king didn't come to Joan's aid and in 1431 at just 19, she was burned at the stake. But beloved by France she was officially cleared of her crimes and became a Catholic saint in 1920. Today Joan of Arc remains patron saint of France and a symbol of National pride.

Liz Mavis, OFS
Councilor



Connectedness



*Mama.
Mama, you are our mantle & you are with us.
May we see your children as you do, with compassion & loving kindness.*

You cannot be compromised and & your protection dear Lady of Sorrows is claimed.
May we remain consciously connected to your graces & move within them in the healing of our world.

Christ bearer, Theotokos~we remain in awe of your fiat. May we be ready with ours especially when our Lord wants to redirect our intentions.

May we live in the magnificence & bear the fruit of our Father's energizing of creation, his life coursing through every molecule & each atom being in ceaseless motion. Everything we can see being alive and vibrant as if God we're continually calling it into existence.

May we be that connected

♥ Kelly

Note: Excerpt (Fathers energizing...) included, by Frederica Mathewes-Green

Kelly Farnum OFS,
Vice Minister, San Luis Rey Fraternity



Franciscan School of Theology
at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

FRANCISCAN ZOOM LECTURE SERIES - Free

Once a month | 7 PM PST

Event Date: May 16, 2024



Mercy and Compassion in Francis of Assisi

By: Steven J. McMichael, OFM Conv

Mercy and Compassion in Francis of Assisi Based on contemporary Italian Franciscan studies, this presentation focuses on the theme of...Join us to learn more about the Franciscan Tradition from Scholars across the globe. All Lectures are done via Zoom.

To Register click on this link: [REGISTER](#)

Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs fifty days after Easter. The name of this day is derived from the Greek word “pentacoste” meaning fiftieth. Fifth is associated with completion and eternity in Hebrew tradition. It is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming down on the apostles, Mary and followers who were gathered as ONE.

Tongues of fire came to rest on their heads allowing them to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This allowed them to communicate with peoples of different languages. They were set apart and were HOLY.

Peter was able to go and preach to the diverse crowd in their native languages. Universal or CATHOLIC as the say. They were sent and became an APOSTOLIC people brought together on a mission in unity.

This reminds us that the Catholic Church is for all people. We are One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as it says in our creed.

Peace and All Good

Linda Gossett, OFS
Councilor



Pentecost - Art Work by Heidi Madden, OFS



I created this artwork for the activity card for the general meeting on Pentecost Sunday. The tongues of fire in the image is inspired by the Ocotillo plants here in Borrego Springs. They don't always bloom but this spring, they all did. Our priest, Fr Tony, made the connection between the ocotillo and the flames of the Holy Spirit. Everywhere you look, you see God's presence, precious and always returns when you are willing to look and see it.

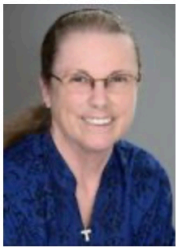
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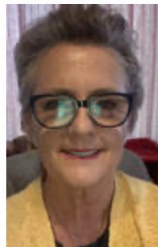
News from the Fraternity Council

The Newly Elected Fraternity Council and Fraternity Support

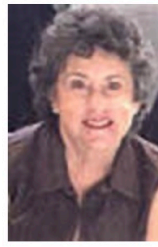
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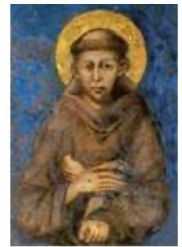
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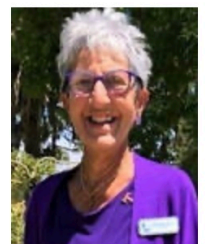
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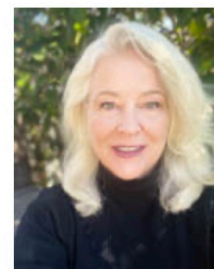
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Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation



Following Earth Day, 2024

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is a very special season, for Spring marks awakening to new life in the greening and growing of the natural world. And together, Franciscans celebrate a greater wonder still – the Easter miracle assures us of the power and glory of God Incarnate. Approaching Pentecost, we rejoice as the Holy Spirit moves in, through and among us. Hallelujah and Thanks be to God!

In the context of God’s Creation, we as Franciscan Catholics thank God for the beauty of the natural world, so breathtaking in its grandeur, its exquisite detail and kindness to us. The Earth and everything in it is such eloquent expression of God’s passionate love and mercy!

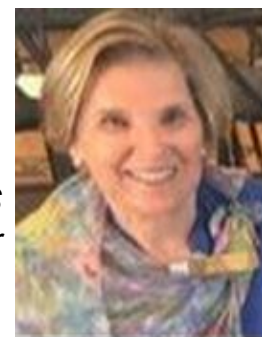
Since the Care of Creation is the mandate and passionate focus of our Order, we thought it a good idea to look at the positive impacts of our Fraternity at present and potentially.

Accompanying this CORD, we enclose a page in a separate file. **.Please make yourself a copy** and bring it to our May meeting.

For those joining us on Zoom, you’ll want to have a copy handy as well.

Blessings and many thanks!

*Karron Esmonde, OFS
JPIC Animator*



Thanksgiving and Remembrance - A Choral Celebration

Two Performances in the Historic Church by the San Luis Rey Chorale for their 45th Anniversary



Friday: May 10th at 7 pm
Saturday: May 11th at 2 pm

Join us for an evening of music to thank God for many blessings and remember and celebrate the lives of those we love.

To order tickets click on this link: [Ticket Price: \\$25](#)

MISSION GARDEN TEA PARTY **A Garden Fundraiser**

June 15th, 11 am - 1 pm

Seating will be at tables of four.

Ticket Price:

\$50 per person

\$40, children, ages 6-11

To purchase tickets click on this link:

[Tickets](#)



(<https://events.sanluisrey.org/product/mission-garden-tea-party-a-garden-fundraiser>)

Hat Contest:

Wear a hat to protect from the Sun.
Make sure it's a fairly good size
Decorate your hat to add to the fun
And you may even win a prize!



[Secular Franciscan Regional & National News](#)

Zoom Workshop for Secular Franciscans:

Francis of Assisi, 1224-1226: A Spirituality of Decline and True Joy

Three Saturdays: June 1, 8 and 15 at 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. PST No cost

This workshop, presented on Zoom, will look at what are called Francis of Assisi's "years of decline" (1224-1226). It was a time of increasing pain and spiritual suffering. Francis, blind and suffering from malaria and leprosy, heads to La Verna for a time of contemplation and solace. The Stigmata and the Canticle of the Creatures are the products of the important year of 1224.

"Years of decline" are an ever-present context of our own lives. We experience the decline of parents and grandparents, friends and siblings, and, before long, signs of our own. What can Francis of Assisi's years of decline teach us?

Fr. Jack Rathschmidt and Fr. Dave Couturier, both Capuchins, will address these questions and more in these three Saturday Zoom sessions. There will be time given for Secular Franciscans to talk with one another in small discussion groups on this critically important topic.



[Register Now](#)

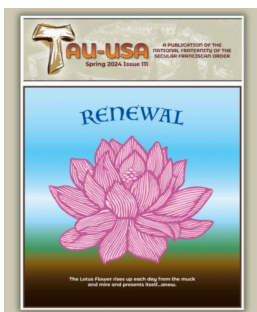
NAFRA-L Ecumenical/Interfaith Discussion

The Way of a Pilgrim:

The OFS Ecumenical/Interfaith Committee invite you to join us for a two-part discussion: on **May 25** we will discuss the **Jesus Prayer**. Come to either or both; both talks will be over **Zoom at 8am PST**. Email me, Ron Lacey, at cortona1297@gmail.com and you'll receive the Zoom link closer to the date of the meeting.

[NAFRA - The National Fraternity of the United States](#)

Publication of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order of the United States:



[TAU-USA Spring 2024](#)

The new TAU-USA newsletter/magazine team has produced its first digital only issue (Issue 111). In August 2023, the National Fraternity Council voted to print one edition in 2024. The team plans to issue the hardcopy edition later in 2024. So for now enjoy your first digital only TAU-USA.

https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/TAU_USA_111_spr_24.pdf

San Luis Rey Fraternity is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: Monthly Fraternity Gathering

Time: May 19, 2024 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Jun 9, 2024 1:00 PM

Jul 14, 2024 1:00 PM

Aug 11, 2024 1:00 PM

Sep 8, 2024 1:00 PM

Oct 13, 2024 1:00 PM

Nov 10, 2024 1:00 PM

Dec 8, 2024 1:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

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Peace and all good! *Connie*

