

Fraternity

Reflections



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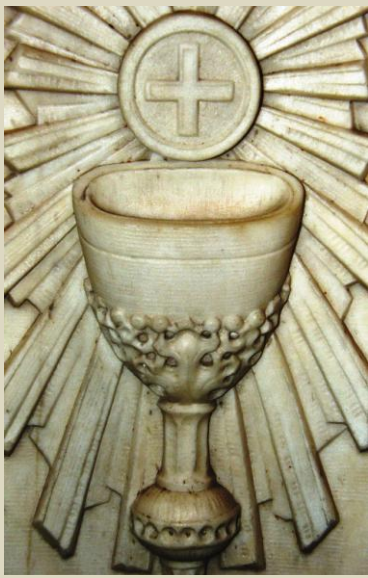
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"Give me the grace to long for Your holy sacraments, and especially to rejoice in the presence of Your body, sweet Savior Christ, in the holy sacrament of the altar."

Br. Thomas More, OFS

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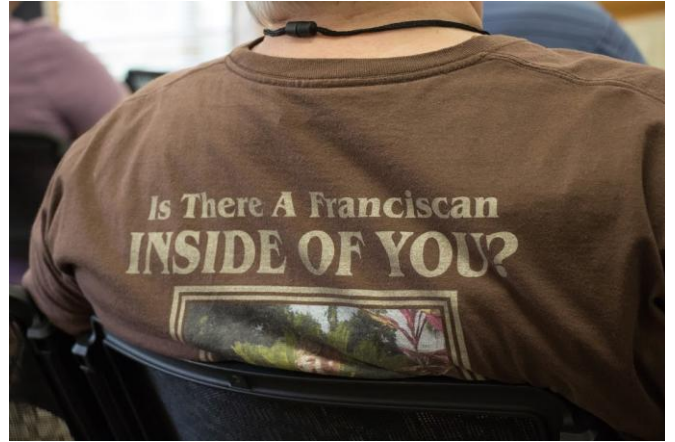
Where Are You Going? By Deborah Pettie

Summer officially starts June 21. For some, it's the time when fun begins! No school, weddings, graduations, and long days make it a great time to take leave from work to hit the road, travel to familiar or new places with family, friends, or even alone. It is a time to unwind and forget about worries, obligations, and deadlines and perhaps reconnect with yourself, rediscovering your hopes, dreams, who you are, and where you want to go. For Carol and Chuck it is a time of anticipation as they await the birth of a new grandchild. For all of us, it is a bittersweet sadness as we say goodbye to Joanne who moves to Houston to be closer to her family. Wherever you find yourself these hot and balmy days of summer, perhaps it may be a good time to reflect on where you are going. Are you the same spiritually today as you were a year ago? Do you want a stronger faith?

This month the Church celebrates Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and the Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ. It is also a time when attorneys, judges, and public servants commemorate their patron saint, St. Thomas Moore, "A Man For All Seasons," whose feast is June 22. Faced with many political challenges he chose the path of virtue and ethics, giving his life to uphold her truths. He is quoted at his death as saying, "I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first!" A Secular Franciscan, he lived his life from gospel to life and life to gospel and was buried in the traditional brown habit of the Franciscans. His life emulated Rule 10 of the Secular Franciscan Order. Are you interested in finding out what that rule is?

*Come and visit
Immaculata Fraternity!*

Secular Franciscan The way of Life



Immaculata Fraternity will now be meeting the First Sunday of every month at 2:00pm upstairs in the Parish Hall. We welcome you to come and join in prayer, formation and fellowship!

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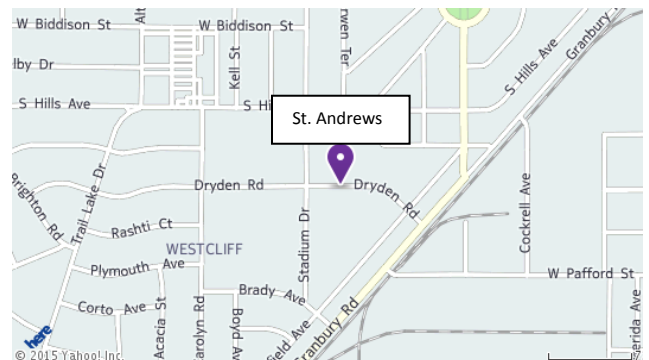
Come and see!

Every first Sunday, 2:00PM

June 4

Summer Movie Night July 14

St. Andrew Catholic Parish,
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CONGRATULATIONS STEPHEN F. HAUCK!

May 20, 2017



There is a wonderful article on the Ordination of Stephen Francis Hauck in the *North Texas Catholic* written by staff writer, Joan Kurkowski-Gillen, [Stephen Hauck and John Martin ordained to priesthood](#), May 22, 2017. If you can, please take a moment to read the full story, it is a great read. She opens with a quote from Stephen's nephew that expressed the sentiment of many who followed Stephen on his path to the priesthood. Said 11 year old Aiden Hauck, "I've been waiting for this day for a long time... I'll remember it as an amazing day." And indeed, it was!

The weather in Texas is unstable in the spring. May brought chills and thrills drifting from a crispy cool to a hot-muggy-mess. The morning of May 20 it brought cool clouds but the crowd gathered at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in downtown Fort Worth didn't seem to mind.

The ceremony began with great pomp and circumstance with the music of Phil Bordeleau, the official organist of Saint Patrick's, playing on the newly installed organ. The tall heavy doors of the church were pushed opened then held in place to allow the grand entrance of the Knights of Columbus, followed by a host of acolytes, deacons, priests (including our own Spiritual Assistant, Father John Mark Klaus), and Bishop Michael Olsen but all eyes were focused on Stephen and John as they walked in wearing their white lace trimmed albs (as seen in the photo above taken by Carol Lieser). The church was filled with murmurs of excitement as the congregation commented on the beauty of the pageantry but quickly hushed to silence as the Mass to dispense this most sacred sacrament of ordination began.

Immaculata Fraternity faithfully supported Stephen as our apostolate along his path to priesthood with our small donations and prayers. Let us continue to pray for him and all priest as they lead us on our path to salvation.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

APOSTOLATE

[864](#) "Christ, sent by the Father, is the source of the Church's whole apostolate"; thus the fruitfulness of apostolate for ordained ministers as well as for lay people clearly depends on their vital union with Christ.³⁷⁸ In keeping with their vocations, the demands of the times and the various gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostolate assumes the most varied forms. But charity, drawn from the Eucharist above all, is always "as it were, the soul of the whole apostolate."³⁷

St. Francis of Assisi: The Eucharist

Posted on the internet

FRLARMUSINGS, March 22, 2013

St. Francis "held that the whole world is a sacrament, a sacred thing, a gift; and the sacramental character of the world reminds us of the central sacrament, the Incarnation, continued among us in the seven sacraments of the Church, especially in the Eucharist." But did Francis have any thoughts specifically on the Eucharist itself?

I would wager that most people would guess that in Francis' own writings he spoke at length about poverty, his love of nature and animals, and other topics for which Francis is so well known in the modern world. Yet, in his own writings, there is perhaps no other topic that he addresses more than the Eucharist. In his Eucharistic writings, Francis expresses a deep view of the continuing Incarnation of Christ in the world, and in that vision is an entire way of life. These writings represent part of the movement of Francis' mystical life from prayer and devotion in solitude before the cross, to a pattern of communal prayer and devotion in the Mass as well as a devotion to the Eucharist apart from Mass.



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St. Francis of Assisi: The Eucharist (continued)

At the end of his life, Francis dictated a document that has remained a primary expression of his Gospel vision. He says in what has become known as *The Testament*:

“...the Lord gave me, and gives me still, such faith in priests who live according to the rite of the holy Roman Church because of their orders that, were they to persecute me, I would still want to have recourse to them.....And I act in this way because, in this world, I see nothing physically of the mosthigh Son of God except His most holy Body and Blood which they receive and they alone administer to others. I want to have these most holy mysteries honored and venerated above all things and I want to reserve them in precious places.” (Test 6-11)

For Francis, then, the Eucharist is the primary way in which he sees Christ’s continuing Incarnation in the world. It is the sign of the presence of Christ with the Church in his continuing salvific role. This explains the veneration in which he held the sacrament, and the fact that in his early ministry he would make sure that the sacrament was not left lying inadequately housed in churches. When sending out brothers on mission we would equip them with pyxes (2 Cel 201). But Francis was also attentive to his own “house.” He wrote to the Guardians of other friaries in his Order to ensure that they housed the sacrament properly. And whenever the sacrament was being carried anywhere he would have his friars “glorify and honor on bended knee Lord God living and true.” (1LtCus 7) Clearly Francis had an intense reverence for the Blessed Sacrament – to him it was Christ himself.

And for Francis, the sacrament was a sign of the complete self-emptying of Christ. In the first of his Admonitions, which is about the Eucharist, Francis stresses that the sacrament is a symbol of the poverty and humility of Christ. He writes:

“...Behold, each day he humbles Himself as when he came from the royal throne into the Virgin’s womb; each day He himself comes down to us, appearing humbly; each day He comes down from the bosom of the Father upon the altar in the hands of the priest. As he revealed himself to the holy apostles in true flesh, so He reveals himself to us now in sacred bread.” (Adm 1:16-19)

And in the Letter to the Entire Order, Francis writes in poetic vein:

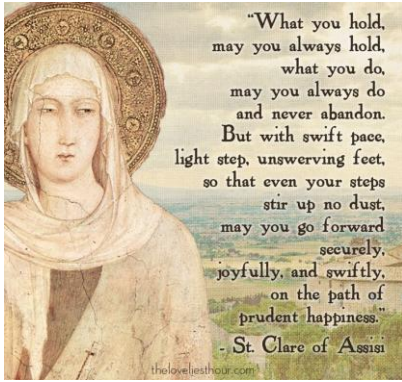
“Let everyone be struck with fear, let the whole world tremble, and let the heavens exult when Christ, the Son of the living God, is present on the altar in the hands of a priest! O wonderful loftiness and stupendous dignity! O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! The lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles himself that for our salvation he hides himself under an ordinary piece of bread! Brothers, look at the humility of God, and pour out your hearts before him! Humble yourselves that you may be exalted by him! Hold nothing back of yourselves for yourselves, that he who gives himself totally to you may receive you totally!” (LtrOrd 26-29)

Franciscans vow to live life *sine proprio* – often simplistically translated as a vow of poverty. But the expression is more accurately translated as “without possessing” or more literally, “without grasping.” For Francis, the Eucharist is a sign of the *sine proprio* of Christ – he holds nothing of himself back for himself, but pours himself out totally in saving and redeeming grace to us in the Sacrament. And yet the Sacrament is also the means by which we may return all that we are and have to Christ – what Francis saw as the holy exchange.

It was because Francis saw the humility and poverty of Christ, this pattern of living without grasping, so clearly expressed in the Eucharist that he had such a great veneration of it and urged his brothers to hold it in the same veneration. The Eucharist was, if you like, the symbol of so much of what he held to be at the heart of the Gospel. And the Eucharist lies at the heart of Franciscan spirituality still for the same reasons. It puts us in touch with the living Christ as nothing else can. In the Eucharist, Francis saw the expression of Christ’s pattern of living through dying, a pattern that we are also called to make our own. And as we do that we are following Christ after the example of St. Francis in a particularly powerful way.



Happy Anniversary!



Joseph McGookin
6-18-97
20 years professed!

Brad & Sharon Touns
6-3-84
33 years professed!

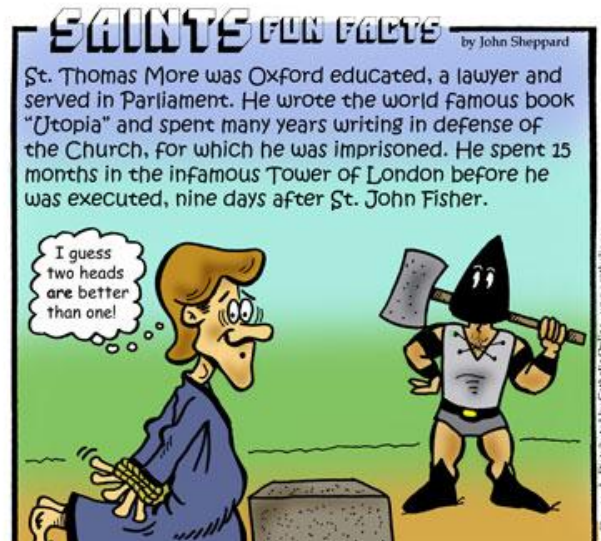


Adele McGookin
Catherine Khaled, OFS
Fr. Gerald Gordon, T.O.R.
Fr. Joe Janiszski, T.O.R.
Joycelyn Rose Molitor
Sofia Lieser (for a happy delivery)
Maggie Lieser
Robert Sylvester, thank you God for
miracles and answered prayer!

If you have someone that you would like to add to our prayer chain, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at pandmj@sbcglobal.net

Fraternity Calendar

- 6/4 Pentecost / Fraternity Meeting
- 6/10 Council Meeting
- 6/11 Trinity Sunday
- 6/13 St. Anthony of Padua
- 6/17 St. Albert Chmielowski
- 6/18 Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ / Fathers Day
- 6/22 St. Thomas More, III Order with St. John Fisher
- 6/23 St. Joseph Cafasso, III Order / Feast of the Sacred Heart
- 6/24 The Birth of John the Baptist
- 6/27 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 6/29 Sts. Pete & Paul, Apostles



For those of you reading this addition of *Fraternity Reflections* on our webpage or through Facebook, and feel called to the Franciscan way, please contact us standrewcc.org, and we'll be glad to direct you in the best possible way, rather it be in the Order of Secular Franciscans or in a Franciscan Religious Vocation. We'd also invite you to come to the Immaculata Fraternity meetings every first Sunday of each month between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM, at Saint Andrew, 3314 Dryden Rd. Fort Worth, TX. *Please Note: In discerning a life with us, you must be a member of the Catholic Church in good standing and in a spirit of unity.*

We look forward to meeting you!