



Queen of the Angels Secular Franciscan Fraternity



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A Journey Begins As A New Fraternity Emerges in Missouri

Five professed Secular Franciscans from the Holy Eucharist Fraternity have joined to form a new emerging fraternity on the eastside of the metropolitan area.



Founders of the new fraternity council are (top to the right) Monsignor Ralph Kaiser, Kathy Johnson, Helen Boos, Dona Gibbons, Cathy Herndon and Pat Durham

Helen, Pat, Dona, Cathy and Kathy were in the first inquirer group of the Holy Eucharist Fraternity, starting in 2004 under the guidance of Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity in Olathe, KS. The first group of

inquirers of the emerging Holy Eucharist Fraternity was large enough to be a full sized fraternity with over 35 members.

Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity and Sister Josephine Boyles, OSF continue to facilitate the growth of this dynamic new fraternity on the Missouri side of the metropolitan area, as it continued to attract inquirers from both sides of the stateline. The fraternity has grown to over 70 current members today.

Part of the natural process of growth is "new life" (an apostolate of the Holy Eucharist fraternity). It stands to reason that this large fraternity would grow sprouts!

Seeking to better develop a smaller group, living in close proximity, the group sought the spiritual guidance of Sister Josephine Boyles, OSF and the

only secular Franciscan priest in the diocese, Monsignor Ralph Kaiser, Pastor of the Church of the Santa Fe in Buckner, MO. After much consideration, they then decided to take the leap and ask to emerge as a new fraternity.

Support from the Father Felix Petroski, OFM, Cap, Regional Spiritual Assistant, Alice Crews, Regional Minister was swift and immediate.

The Holy Eucharist Council also voted to support the five Holy Eucharist members to take on the challenge with Sister Josephine Boyles, OSF as their liaison.

April 30th is the first visitation of the Juan de Padilla region to the newly emerging fraternity. Alice Crews, Minister and Father Curtis Carlson, OFM, Cap from St John the Evangelist in Lawrence, KS will come to explore our readiness to emerge.



Psalms No. 6, 31,37, 50,101, 129, and 142

Seven Penitential Psalms

By order of Pope Innocent III (1198-1216), these prayers are to be prayed during the days of Lent. If they can't be said on each day of the Season, they can at least be prayed on Lenten Fridays (or one could pray one prayer on each of the 7 Fridays of Lent.)

One kneels when praying these Psalms, begins and ends with a short antiphon, and recites a Gloria in between.





September 13, 1837—
May 31, 1915

**Holy Nun Credited with
Finding Mary's House in
Ephesus**

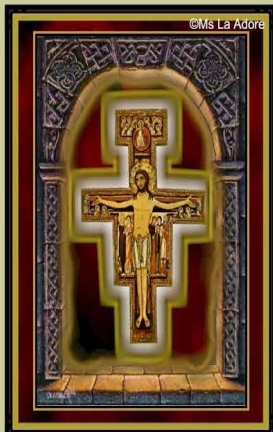
*Plan on coming to the
Juan de Padilla*

Regional Retreat

Newman University

**Wichita, KS
June 3-5, 2011**

**Father Julian Haas,
OFM, Cap Director**



Sister Marie de Mandat Grancey

January 21, 2011, members of the Queen of the Angels Secular Franciscan Fraternity had a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the Opening of the Cause for Sainthood of Sister Marie de Mandat Grancey, the holy nun credited with finding Mary's house in Ephesus, Turkey.

Cathy Herndon, Dona Gibbons, Helen Boos and Kathy Johnson attended this holy event as the first activity of the new fraternity! Spiritual Director, Monsignor Kaiser, sfo, participated in the ceremony with Bishop Finn. Holy Eucha-

rist Spiritual Assistant, Sister Josephine Boyles, OFS was also present with the Sister of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist.

It all started two years ago when Bishop Finn was on a pilgrimage to Mary's house in Ephesus with many faithful from Kansas City. He met Mrs. Erin Von Effel of New York and Archbishop Emeritus of Smyrna (modern day Izmir), Most Reverend Giuseppe Bernardini. They worked together in researching the life of Sister Marie.

The Archbishop of Ephesus,

which is in the Archdiocese of Izmir, Turkey, requested that Bishop Finn open the cause of the canonization of Sister Marie in February 2010. (Archbishop Franceschini is a Franciscan!)

After much prayer and collaboration with those in Turkey and with the bishops of Kansas and Missouri, Bishop Finn agreed.

Let us all pray for the canonization of Sister Marie.

More information can be found at www.sistermarie.com

Bishop Helmsing Institute; the Call to Evangelize

Cathy Herndon and Kathy Johnson recently completed the BHI course entitled Leadership and Evangelization. One important way for us to evangelize is to give "testimony." "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..." (1 Peter 3:15) A testimony is simply telling others about your personal knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ and His mercy. Tell how has God called you to holiness and how have you responded. This should be done with all humility. Several "Do's" and "Don'ts" of giving testimony were given.

DO

- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your words.
- Tell how you came to know Jesus or how you became Catholic.
- Speak clearly and make eye contact.
- Be brief. Three to five

minutes is plenty of time to make your point.

Include a memorable story.

Describe your conversion. Was it gradual or sudden?

Explain the difference that your relationship with Jesus, the saints and the has made in your life.

Conclude with a thought provoking comment or invitation.

DON'T

Do not give a boring litany of the Catholic schools you went to or start with, "I was born on ... And baptized at St. (fill in the blank) Parish.

Do not give unnecessary details about your life away from God. Observe Virtuous speech when de-

scribing sin.

Do not use Catholic terminology that may be unfamiliar to your listener.

Do not be negative about other people or religious organizations. Focus on hope and thankfulness.

Do not exaggerate elements of your story or down play things in a sense of false humility.

Do not read from a pre-written text. You must be authentic.

Do not speak condescendingly to your listener.

Do not be afraid. The Holy Spirit will provide you the words when you are put to the test.

A special thanks for newsletter articles and pictures from Sister Josephine, Kathy Johnson, and Cathy Herndon!



Stopping for a quick pose on the Capital steps, during the March for Life in Washington DC, are Cathy Herndon, sfo and Monsignor Ralph Kaiser, sfo.

The March for Life is an annual pro-life rally protesting abortion, held in Washington D.C. on the anniversary of the January 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Roe v. Wade case which legalized abortion for any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Many marchers also participate to protest the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

The 37th Annual March for Life occurred on January 22, 2010. Organizers estimated 350,000 attendees. EWTN, the global Catholic television network, broadcasts live from the March for Life every year. Preceding the March for Life, there are several Masses; two of which are celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (attendance of 16,000) and at the Verizon Center (attendance of 20,000).



Our Lady of America Pray for US!

Inspirational Connections ~ The Church of the Santa Fe



The Loretto Chapel, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Instituted in 1964, the Church of the Santa Fe in Buckner, MO, is the only parish in our diocese that has St. Francis as its patron. The Santa Fe Trail connected Kansas City, Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico in the early days of our country. Santa Fe means “Holy Faith,” and the city of Santa Fe was originally named The Royal City of the Holy Faith of St. Francis of Assisi. The Franciscan Friars along with Spanish colonists entered what is now New Mexico in 1598, and by 1610 the city was founded. Santa Fe, New Mexico is the oldest capital city in North America and also the oldest European city west of the Mississippi.

At the end of the Old Santa Fe Trail stands the Loretto Chapel and inside the Gothic structure is the staircase referred to as miraculous, inexplicable, and marvelous. It is sometimes called St. Joseph’s Staircase. The stairway confounds architects, engineers and master craftsmen. It makes over two complete 360-degree turns, stands 20’ tall and has no center support. Made of an apparently extinct wood species, it was constructed with only square wooden pegs without glue or nails.

The history of the Loretto Chapel began when Bishop Jean Baptiste Lamy was appointed by the Church to the New Mexico Territory in 1850. He wrote a letter asking for priests, brothers and nuns to preach and teach in the area. In 1852 the Sisters of Loretto responded to his pleas by sending seven sisters. They made this arduous journey to Santa Fe through St. Louis, then up the river to Independence, Mo. The sisters needed a chapel and the bishop brought in French architects as builders of their dream chapel. The ornate stained glass in the Loretto Chapel made part of its journey to Santa Fe via covered wagon. The glass was first sent from Paris to New Orleans by sailing ship and then by paddle boat to St. Louis, MO. where it was taken by covered wagon over the Old Santa Fe Trail to the Chapel. The miraculous staircase was built sometime between 1877 and 1881 and took at least six months to build.

It would seem that the Holy Spirit has selected the perfect place for our new fraternity to take root. We are connected to St. Francis not only in spirit but in geography and in history as well.



Martyr of the Eucharist

Joseph Heinrich was born in Germany on the feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1867. Early in his life he became dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He left Germany in 1886 and came to St. Bonaventure's Friary in Paterson, New Jersey to begin his religious life as a Franciscan. On December 4th, 1886, Joseph Heinrich received the Franciscan habit and the name Leo. He made his temporary profession on December 8th, 1887, and his final vows on December 8th, 1890. The Immaculate Conception indeed had a special place in his heart. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Bonaventure's in Paterson on July 26th, 1891.

During his time in New Jersey, Father Leo had many duties, and one was as a Spiritual Assistant to the Third Order Franciscans (now Secular Franciscans). He served as pastor for parishes in New Jersey and in New York, and was known as a compassionate and cheerful priest. Then in September, 1907, he was as-

signed pastor of St. Elizabeth's parish in Denver, Colorado. In only a few months after his arrival, he would become a Eucharistic martyr.

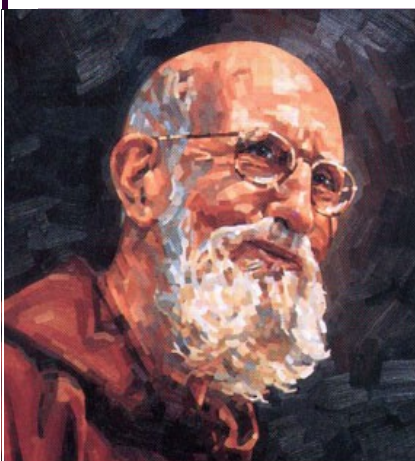
While celebrating the 6 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 23rd, 1908, Giuseppe Alia, an Italian anarchist, knelt at the altar rail to receive the Host from Father Leo. Alia received the Host, then spat it into his hand and flung it at Father Leo's face. The Host dropped to the floor outside the communion rail as Alia drew his handgun and aimed it at Father Leo's heart. An altar boy screamed, "Look out, Father!" as the anarchist fired at Father Leo. His dying words were, "My God, my God!" The priest fell to the floor; he placed the ciborium on the step of Our Lady's altar, and managed to place two spilled Hosts back into the ciborium before strength left him. In a last gesture, Father Leo pointed to the spilled Hosts that he was now too weak to pick up. An eyewitness, reported that Father Leo died smiling, at the

foot of the Blessed Mother's altar. His wish had been honored for just the previous week at a Young Ladies' Sodality meeting he remarked while speaking of the Ever-Immaculate Mother of God, "If I had my choice of a place where I would die, I would choose to die at the feet of the Blessed Virgin." After his death it was discovered that this holy priest had subjected himself to silent mortifications. Wrapped tightly around his waist an arms were metal chains of steel wire spiked at half inch intervals. Fr. Leo Heinrich is buried in the Franciscans' plot at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Totowa, New Jersey. Although miracles have been associated with Fr. Leo, it is unclear why his cause for canonization has stalled. There are still reports of favors and healings of a spiritual or physical nature being obtained through Father Leo's intercession. Father Leo Heinrich, pray for us!



Father Leo Heinrich, OFM, Protomartyr of Colorado 1867-1908

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If we only try to show the Dear Lord a good will and ask Him for resignation to the crosses He sends or permits to come our way, we may be sure that sooner or later they will turn out to have been just so many blessings in disguise.

Solanus Casey's Intercession Sought on Good Friday

The Queen of the Angels Secular Franciscan Fraternity sponsored a Holy Hour for Healing of a parish youth, Zach McSwain who is going blind.

On July 8, 1987, Father Solanus Casey's incorrupt body was exhumed and subsequently reinterred inside the Father Solanus Casey Center at the St. Bonaventure Monastery. Monsignor Kaiser, sfo, held the Holy Hour with a talk about Venerable Solanus Casey is up for beatification.

Many miraculous cures have been associated with Father Solanus's intercession, both when he was alive and after his death.

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